

349. (New) The method of claim 342, wherein the client further includes a client computer and wherein the received data further includes application data to be processed by the client computer, the method including utilizing the application data to facilitate an interaction between the client and a user.

350. (New) The method of claim 349, including executing computer code within the application data to facilitate the interaction.

351. (New) The method of claim 349, including utilizing data, included with the application data and to be used by computer code executable by the client computer, to facilitate the interaction.

352. (New) The method of claim 342, wherein the displaying of the images includes generating television images.

353. (New) The method of claim 342, including generating graphics, in response to execution of computer code by the client, for display by the client.

354. (New) The method of claim 342, including generating the received data to include computer code executable by the client to facilitate an interaction with a user.

355. (New) The method of claim 342, including generating the received data to include application data to be used by computer code executable by the client to facilitate an interaction with a user.

356. (New) A machine-readable medium embodying a sequence of instructions that, when executed by a machine, cause the machine to:

receive data including at least auxiliary data representing video images at the machine;

display video images, based on the auxiliary data utilizing the machine; and

communicate between the machine and a local computer collocated with and in communication with the machine.

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receive data including at least auxiliary data representing video images at the machine;

display video images, based on the processed auxiliary data utilizing the machine; and

retrieving information from mass storage utilizing the machine the mass storage being in communication with the machine.

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In response to the Office Action mailed July 9, 2003, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter this amendment and to consider the remarks that follow.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 26 and 56, without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows:

10. (Currently Amended) A method of facilitating ordering an item using a distributed computing system including at least one client and at least one server, the method including:

receiving data, at the client, the data including information to at least one of show and describe the item via the client and an item identifier to enable the client to identify the item as currently being offered for sale;

at least one of showing and describing an the item to a user via the client

enabling the user to place an order for the item by a single action with respect to the client while the item is being offered for sale, the single action being in connection with the order; and

in response to the single action with respect to the client, causing an the order for the item to be placed,

wherein the enabling of the user to place the order for the item by the single action includes using (1) previously stored, user related personal information that is stored in a memory associated with the client for repeated use in enabling further orders for further items to be placed and so that it is not necessary to solicit the user related, personal information each time a further order is placed and (2) previously received information related to the item identifier to enable the client to identify the item as currently being offered for sale at the time of the single action.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the single action is one of a group including:

selecting of a single button; and
pressing of a single button on a TV remote control.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the user related, personal information includes at least one of a group including a user's name, address, method of payment and payment account number.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the user related, personal information is stored in memory in the client.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the distributed computing system is an interactive television system and wherein the at least one of showing and describing of the item is, at least in part, by a television signal.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the client includes an auxiliary data processor and a client computer.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12 10, wherein the client is associated with at least a set top box, and wherein the user related, personal information is stored at the set top box.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, wherein the set top box is in communication with a local computer and associated storage and wherein the method further includes:

the client retrieving information from one or more of the local computer and the associated storage.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the method further includes: controlling the client by means of the local computer.
20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the local computer is part of a local area network.
21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the system further includes a central processing facility in communication with the server and wherein the method includes:
sending information used in processing the order from the client to the central processing facility.
22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, further including:
sending an order confirmation to the user to confirm the order.
23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, further including:
communicating information between the client and the server via the central processing facility.
24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein a telephone system acts as the central processing facility.
25. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10 including receiving at the client data including
 - (a) information to at least one of show and describe the item via the client; and
 - (b) information to enable the user to order the item by the single action with respect to the client.
26. (Canceled)

27. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 26 10 wherein the item identifier includes at least one of a group of identifiers including a code and a command.

28. (Currently Amended) A method of facilitating ordering an item, the method including:

providing a client with information to at least one of show and describe an item to a user, and with an item identifier to identify the item as currently being offered for sale; and

enabling the user to place an order for the item by a single action with respect to the client, the single action being in connection with the order,

wherein the enabling of the user to place the order for the item by the single action includes using (1) previously stored, user related, personal information that is stored in a memory for repeated use in enabling further orders for further items to be placed and so that it is not necessary to solicit the user related, personal information each time a further order is placed, and (2) previously provided item information related to the item identifier information to identify the item that is as currently being offered for sale at the time of the single action.

30. (Canceled)

29. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 28, wherein the single action includes a at least one of a group including:

selecting of a single button; and

pressing of a single button on a TV remote control.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, wherein the user related, personal information includes at least one of a group including a user's name, address, method of payment and payment account number.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, including retrieving the user related, personal information from a memory associated with the client.
33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, including providing the information to at least one of show and describe the item in the form of a television signal.
34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28 including communicating with a central processing facility and wherein the client sends the order to the central processing facility for receipt via a transceiver.
35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 34 wherein a telephone system acts as the central processing facility.
36. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28 including providing an order confirmation to the client to confirm the order.
37. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28 including multiplexing the provision of the information to at least one of show and describe the item and code to the client to thereby generate data for transmission to the client.
38. (Currently Amended) A computer system to order an item, the system including:
a data receiver to receive data including information to at least one of show and describe the item, and an item identifier to identify the item as currently being offered for sale;
a data processing system to at least one of show and describe an item to a user; and
a client to enable the user to place an order for the item by a single action with respect to the client while the item is being offered for sale and, in response to the single action, to cause an the order for the item to be placed,

wherein the client is to enable the user to place the order for the item by the single action using (1) previously stored, user related, personal information that is stored in a memory for repeated use in enabling further orders for further items to be placed and so that it is not necessary to solicit the user related, personal information each time a further order is placed and (2) ~~previously received information related to the item identifier identifying the item that is as currently being offered for sale at the time of the single action.~~

39. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 38, wherein the single action includes at least one of a group including:

selecting of a single button; and
pressing of a single button on a TV remote control.

40. (Canceled)

41. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 38, wherein the user related, personal information includes at least one of a group including a user's name, address, method of payment and payment account number.

42. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 38, wherein the user related, personal information is stored in memory of the client.

43. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 38, wherein the computer system is an interactive television system and wherein the at least one of showing and describing of the item by the data processing system is, at least in part, performed utilizing a television signal.

44. (Canceled)

45. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 38, wherein the client is associated with at least a set top box, and wherein the user related, personal information is stored at the set top box.

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46. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 45, wherein the set top box is in communication with a local computer and associated storage and wherein the client is to retrieve information from one or more of the local computer and the associated storage.

47. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 46, wherein the local computer controls the client.

48. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 46, wherein the local computer is part of a local area network.

49. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 38, including a central processing facility in communication with a server and wherein the client sends information used in processing to the central processing facility.

50. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 49 wherein the server is to send an order confirmation to the user to confirm the order.

51. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 49, wherein the central processing facility is to communicate information between the client and the server.

52. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 51 wherein a telephone system acts as the central processing facility.

53. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 38 including a wherein the data receiver is to receive the data including:

~~information to at least one of show and describe the item via the client;~~
~~and~~

information to enable the user to order the item by the single action with respect to the client.

54. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 53 wherein the data receiver includes an auxiliary data extractor to extract the information to at least one of show and describe from the data and a packet data extractor to extract the information to enable from the data.

55. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 54 wherein the auxiliary data extractor provides the information to at least one of show and describe to the data processing system and the packet data extractor provides the information to enable to the client.

56. (Canceled)

57. (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~56~~ 38 wherein the item identifier includes at least one a group of identifiers including a code and a command.

58. (Currently Amended) A computer system to facilitate ordering an item, the system including:

a data source to provide a client with first information to at least one of show and describe an item to a user, and third information to identify the item as currently being offered for sale; and

an information source to provide the client with second information to enable the user to place an order for the item by a single action with respect to the client,

wherein the client is to enable the user to place the order for the item, while being offered for sale, by the single action using (1) previously stored, user related, personal information that is stored in a memory for repeated use in enabling further orders for further items to be placed and so that it is not necessary to solicit the user related, personal information each time a further order is placed and (2) previously received information related to the third information identifying the item that is as currently being offered for sale at the time of the single action.

59. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 58, wherein the single action includes at least one of a group including:

- a selecting of a single button; and
- a pressing of a single button on a TV remote control.

60. (Canceled)

61. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 58, wherein the user related, personal information includes at least one of a group including a user's name, address, method of payment and payment account number.

62. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 58, wherein the second information includes code executable by the client to retrieve the user related, personal information from a memory associated with the client.

63. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 58, wherein the data source is to provide the information in the form of a television signal.

64. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 58 including a data transceiver to communicate with a central processing facility and wherein the client sends the order to the central processing facility for receipt via the data transceiver.

65. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 64 wherein a telephone system acts as the central processing facility.

66. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 58 wherein the data source is to provide an order confirmation to the client to confirm the order.

67. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 58 including a multiplexer to multiplex the provision of the first information to at least one of show and describe and

the second information to enable to the client to thereby generate data for transmission to the client.

68 – 245 (Cancelled)

246. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25 wherein the information to enable includes code executable by the client to enable the user to order the item by the single action with the client.

247. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25 wherein the information to enable includes data to be processed by code executable by the client to enable the user to order the item by the single action with the client.

248. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28 wherein the enabling includes providing code to enable the user to order the item.

249. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28 wherein the enabling includes providing data to be processed by code to enable the user to order the item.

250. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 53 wherein the information to enable includes code to enable the user to order the item.

251. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 53 wherein the information to enable includes data to be processed by code to enable the user to order the item.

252. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 58 wherein the second information to enable includes code to be executed by the client to enable the user to order the item.

253. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 58 wherein the information to enable includes data to be processed by code to enable the user to order the item.

254 – 259 (Canceled)

260. (Currently Amended) A machine-readable medium embodying a sequence of instructions that, when executed by a machine, cause the machine to facilitate ordering an item within a distributed computing system including at least one client and at least one server by:

receiving data, at the client, the data including information to at least one of show and describe the item via the client and an item identifier to enable the client to identify the item as currently being offered for sale;

at least one of showing and describing ~~an~~ the item to a user via the client; enabling the user to place ~~an~~ an order ~~for~~ for the item by a single action with respect to the client while the item is being offered for sale, the single action being in connection with the order,

in response to the single action with respect to the client, causing ~~an~~ the order for the item to be placed,

wherein the enabling of the user to order the item by the single action includes using (1) previously stored, user related, personal information that is stored in a memory associated with the client for repeated use in enabling further orders for further items to be placed and so that it is not necessary to solicit the user related, personal information each time a further order is placed and (2) previously received information related to the item identifier to enable the client to identify the item that is as currently being offered for sale at the time of the single action.

261. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 260, wherein the medium includes a data stream.

262. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 260, wherein the medium includes a mass storage device.

263. (Currently Amended) A machine-readable medium embodying a sequence of instructions that, when executed by a machine, cause the machine to facilitate ordering an item by:

providing a client with information to at least one of show and describe an item to a user, and with an item identifier to identify the item as currently being offered for sale; and

enabling the user to place an order for the item by a single action with respect to the client, the single action being in connection with the order, wherein the enabling of the user to place the order for the item by the single action includes using (1) previously stored, user related, personal information that is stored in a memory for repeated use in enabling further orders for further items to be placed and so that it is not necessary to solicit the user related, personal information each time a further order is placed, and (2) previously provided item information related to the item identifier information to identify the item that is as currently being offered for sale at the time of the single action.

264 – 357 (Canceled)

REMARKS**1. Summary of the Office Action**

Claims 10, 11, 13-29, 31-39, 41-43, 45-59, 61-67, 246-253, and 260-263 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 251 as being an improper recapture of broadened claimed subject matter surrendered in the application for the patent upon which the present reissue is based.

Claim 17 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicants regard as the invention.

Further, claims 10, 12, 15, 16, 21-26, 28, 33-36, 38, 40, 43, 51-54, 58, 60, 63-66, 260, 262, and 263 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 5,621,456 (hereinafter Florin) in view of US Patent No. 4,734,858 (hereinafter Schlafly).

Further, claims 11, 29, 39, and 59 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Florin and Schlafly, as applied to claims 10, 28, 38 and 58, and further in view of Zachary et al, "Technology: HP is building Gadget to Make TVs Interactive" (hereinafter Zachary).

Claims 13, 14, 17, 31, 32, 41, 42, 45, 61, and 62 also stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Florin and Schlafly, as applied to claims 10, 28, 38 and 58, and further in view of US Patent No. 4,163,255 (hereinafter Pires).

Claim 27 also stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Florin and Schlafly, as applied to claim 26, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,965,825 (hereinafter Harvey.).

Claims 18-20 and 46-48 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Florin and Schlafly, as applied to claims 10 and 38, and further in view of US Patent No. 4,789,895 (hereinafter Mustafa).

2. Response to § 251 Rejection

The Applicants respectfully disagree that the claims identified under this rejection constitute "an improper recapture of broadened claimed subject matter surrendered in the application for the patent on which the present reissue is based" (Office Action, page 2). The Applicants respectfully disagree that any broadening aspects of the reissue claims are related to subject matter that the Applicants previously surrendered, during the prosecution of U.S. Patent No. 5,819,034 (the '034 patent). The Applicant's reasons in connection with this position are set out more fully below.

A failure of a patentee (or a patentee's attorney) to appreciate the full scope of the invention during the prosecution of the original patent application is well recognized as an error correctable by a broadening reissue. See Amos, 953 F.2d at 616, 21 USPQ2d at 1273; In re Wilder, 736 F.2d 1516, 1519, 222 USPQ 369, 371 (Fed. Cir. 1984). This form of error has generally been accepted as sufficient to satisfy the "error" requirement of § 251. See Clement, 131 F.3d at 1468, 45 USPQ2d at 1163; Wilder, 736 F.2d at 1519, 222 USPQ at 371.

Broadening reissues are subject to the "recapture rule", which is discussed in Clement, 131 F.3d at 1468, 45 USPQ2d at 1164. The recapture rule "prevents a patentee from regaining through reissue . . . subject matter that he surrendered in an effort to obtain allowance of the original claims." Clement, 131 F.3d at 1468, 45 USPQ2d at 1164. The rule is rooted in the "error" requirement in that such a surrender is not the type of correctable "error" contemplated by the reissue statute. See Mentor, 998 F.2d at 995-96, 27 USPQ2d at 1525.

The Federal Circuit, in Clement, 131, F. 3d 1464, 1468-70, 45 USPQ2 at 1161, 1163-65 (Fed. Cir. 1997), stated that an analysis under the recapture rule includes a four-step analysis, namely:

1. Determining whether and in what "aspects" the reissue claims are broader than the claims of the issued patent. A reissue claim that does not include a limitation present in the orginal patent claims is broader in that respect. See id.
2. Determining whether the broader aspects of the reissue claims relate to surrendered subject matter. "To determine whether an applicant surrendered particular subject matter, we look to the prosecution history for arguments and changes to the claims made in an effort to overcome a prior art rejection." See id. at 1469, 45 USPQ2d at 1164.
3. Determining whether the surrendered subject matter has "crept" into the reissue claims.
4. Determining whether the reissue claims are materially narrowed, relative to the claims of the issued patent, in other respects, with a view to determining whether the recapture may be avoided. For example, in Ball Corp. v. United States, the recapture rule was avoided because the reissue claims were sufficiently narrowed (described by the court as "fundamental narrowness") despite the broadened aspects of the claims. 729 F.2d at 1438, 221 USPQ at 296.

Applying the above discussed analysis under the recapture rule to the claims of the present reissue application, it is apparent that the reissue claims are broader than the issued claims of the '034 patent in certain aspects, but also narrower relative to the issued

claims in other respects. Specifically the claims of the present reissue application are directed to facilitating ordering an item using a distributed computer system. Accordingly, limitations of at least the independent claims of the present reissue application are absent from the independent claims of the '034 patent. Consider, for example, the first limitation of independent claim one of the '034 patent, which requires the following:

A source of a data stream providing a series of time division multiplexed packets, ones of which contain auxiliary data that represent a video program, and others of which represent a distributed computing application associated with said video program, and wherein said distributed computing application is repetitively transmitted independent of receiving client computer apparatus during times that said video program is transmitted. ('034 patent, column 14, lines 37-45).

Clearly, claim 10 of the present reissue application does not include a limitation corresponding to the above-identified limitation of claim 1 of the '034 patent, and claim 10 of the present reissue application is accordingly broader in this respect.

On the other hand, consider the following limitation of claim 10 of the reissue claims:

Enabling the user to place an order for the item with a single action with respect to the client, while the item is being offered for sale, the single action being in connection with the order.

The issued claims of the '034 patent do not include a limitation corresponding to the above-identified limitation of claim 10 of the reissue application. In this respect, claim 10 of the reissued claims has been materially narrowed, relative to the claims of the '034 patent. The Applicants believe that this constitutes what is identified as a

"fundamental narrowness", identified in Ball Corp., which avoids the recapture rule, despite broadened aspects of the claims.

Further, as limitations of the issued claims of the '034 patent are not present in the reissue claims, the Applicants believe that the broader aspects of the reissue claims (i.e., the aspects corresponding to limitations in the '034 patent that are absent in the independent claims of the current reissue application) do not relate to surrendered subject matter. This is because the Applicants could not, by way of argument or amendment, surrender subject matter corresponding to the limitations of the present reissue claims in view of the absence of these limitations from the issued claims of the '034 patent. Consider for example that the claims of the '034 patent do not include any limitations directed to enabling "the user to place an order for an item by a single action." Accordingly, the opportunity did not arise during the prosecution of the '034 patent for the Applicants to in fact surrender subject matter pertaining to this limitation. In short, the subject matter of the independent claims of the current reissue application is different from the subject matter of the issue claims of the '034 patent, and the question of recaptured subject matter does not arise. This dovetails with the above position that the reissue claims are sufficiently narrowed, despite the broadened aspects of the claims, so as to avoid the recapture rule.

In conclusion, the Applicants believe that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 251 has been fully addressed, and withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

The Applicants note that the Office Action states that "[a]t a minimum, the claims require at least one of the following limitations which were argued as the patentable feature for the issued independent claims 1, 6, 7, and 9 in the 08/233,098 application", whereafter the limitations of the identified independent claims are listed (Office Action, pages 3-5). The Applicants fail to fully understand the reason for this alleged requirement. The Applicants also draw the Examiner's attention to the co-pending divisional reissue application serial number 09/903,458, in which claims corresponding to the issued claims of the '034 patent are presented. It will be recalled that, on the

suggestion of the Examiner, a number of divisional reissue applications were filed based off the current reissue application, each of these divisional applications including claims that were originally included in the current reissue application. Claims corresponding to the claims of the divisional reissue applications were then cancelled from the current reissue application, by way of a preliminary amendment dated April 13, 2001.

By requiring that a limitation in the claims of the '034 be present in the claims of the present reissue application, we speculate that reference is being made to the "original invention" requirement. We below quote the pertinent section (1412.01) from the MPEP:

1412.01 Reissue Claims Must Be for Same General Invention

The reissue claims must be for the same invention as that disclosed as being the invention in the original patent, as required by 35 U.S.C. 251. This does not mean that the invention claimed in the reissue must have been claimed in the original patent, although this is evidence that applicants considered it their invention. The entire disclosure, not just the claim(s), is considered in determining what the patentee objectively intended as his or her invention. The proper test as to whether reissue claims are for the same invention as that disclosed as being the invention in the original patent is "an essentially factual inquiry confined to the objective intent manifested by the original patent." *In re Amos*, 953 F.2d 613, 618, 21 USPQ2d 1271, 1274 (Fed. Cir. 1991) (quoting *In re Rowand*, 526 F.2d 558, 560, 187 USPQ 487, 489 (CCPA 1975)) (emphasis added). See also *In re Mead*, 581 F.2d 257, 198 USPQ 412 (CCPA 1978). The "original patent" requirement of 35 U.S.C. 251 must be understood in light of *In re Amos*, *supra*, where the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit stated:

We conclude that, under both *Mead* and *Rowand*, a claim submitted in reissue may be rejected under the "original patent" clause if

the original specification demonstrates, to one skilled in the art, an absence of disclosure sufficient to indicate that a patentee could have claimed the subject matter. Merely finding that the subject matter was "not originally claimed, not an object of the original patent, and not depicted in the drawing," does not answer the essential inquiry under the "original patent" clause of § 251, which is whether one skilled in the art, reading the specification, would identify the subject matter of the new claims as invented and disclosed by the patentees. In short, the absence of an "intent," even if objectively evident from the earlier claims, the drawings, or the original objects of the invention is simply not enough to establish that the new claims are not drawn to the invention disclosed in the original patent.

953 F.2d at 618-19, 21 USPQ2d at 1275. Claims presented in a reissue application are considered to satisfy the requirement of 35 U.S.C. 251 that the claims be "for the invention disclosed in the original patent" where:

(A) the claims presented in the reissue application are described in the original patent specification and enabled by the original patent specification such that 35 U.S.C. 112 first paragraph is satisfied; and

(B) nothing in the original patent specification indicates an intent not to claim the subject matter of the claims presented in the reissue application.

(MPEP 1412.01, Emphasis Added)

The claims of the present reissue application are clearly described in the original patent specification for the '034 patent, and are likewise enabled by the original patent specification for the '034 patent, such that 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, is satisfied.

Further, there is nothing in the original patent specification for the '034 patent which indicates an intent not to claim the subject matter of the claims of the present reissue application.

In short, the Applicants do not believe that a limitation from the issued independent claims of the '034 patent is required within the independent claims of the present reissue application in order to satisfy the "original invention" requirement.

3. Response to § 112 Rejection

Claim 17 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicants regard as the invention.

The Examiner is thanked for identifying this error in the dependency of claim 17. The Applicants have amended claim 17 to be dependent upon claim 10, as correctly assumed by the Examiner.

4. Response to § 103 Rejections

The Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections for the reasons set out below, and ask the Examiner for reconsideration. The Applicants have further also slightly amended the claims to define clearly the intended import of the claims.

To establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness, three basic criteria must be met. First, there must be some suggestion or motivation, either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art, to modify the reference or to combine reference teachings. Second, there must be a reasonable expectation of success. Finally, the prior art reference (or references when combined) must teach or suggest all the claim limitations. The teaching or suggestion to make the

claimed combination and the reasonable expectation of success must both be found in the prior art, and not based on applicant's disclosure. In re Vaeck, 947 F.2d 488, 20 USPQ2d 1438 (Fed. Cir. 1991).

THE PRIOR ART REFERENCES DO NOT TEACH OR SUGGEST ALL CLAIM LIMITATIONS, WHEN CONSIDERED SINGULARLY OR IN COMBINATION.

Taking claim 10 of the present reissue application as an exemplary claim for discussion purposes, the Office Action contends that "Florin does not explicitly disclose:

order the item by a single action with the client; and

wherein the enabling of the user to order the item by a single action includes 1) previously stored user related personal information that is stored in a memory associated with the client for repeated use in enabling further orders for further items to be placed and so that it is not necessary to solicit the user related personal information each time a further order is placed and 2) previously received information related to the item being offered for sale at the time of the single action." (Office Action, page 6-7)

The Office Action then goes on to state that Schlafly discloses ordering of the item by a single action with the user, and points to the disclosures in Schlafly, quoted immediately below, in support of this position:

Once the item has been specified it can be reviewed and modified or it can be stored in a send memory at 92 and later caused to be sent at 94 by automatic dialing of the local processor center 14. Once communication has been established, the entire content of the send memory is transmitted in a burst by

actuation of an internal modem (modulator/demodulator) 96 and the local center commences processing at 98. The send data is initially checked at 98 for verification of some of the data and a return is transmitted the data terminal at 100. The connection is then broken by the LPC and at 102 and the terminal goes "on hook". The message represented by the return is displayed at 104.

(Schlafly, column 7, lines 35-47).

However, immediately preceding the above-quoted disclosure in Schlafly, the below disclosure is provided regarding actions that are required by a user:

Operation of a data terminal 12 in the case of ordering of merchandise from various mail order suppliers is illustrated with FIGS. 3-6. FIG. 4 shows a portion 80 of a page from a Sears catalog. FIG. 5 illustrates a portion 82 of a J.C. Penney Catalog page.

As an example of a catalog order data entry, at 84 in FIG. 3 and after turn on, the user's individual subscriber secret personal authorization number, a four digit number for example, promptly by a word display, is entered. This is followed by sequentially occurring prompts, which permit entry of additional order key actuations in accordance with suitable accompanying operating instructions.

The first set of prompts at 86 calls for the entry of a code specifying the supplier by its catalog and a page number. The second set of prompts at 88 requires specification of the nature of the transaction, e.g. catalog number and special charge and shipping instructions if required. The third set of prompts at 90

requires entry of the quantity and options such as color and size when these are needed to properly specify the desired item.

(Schlafly, column 7, lines 13-34).

Clearly, the ordering of an item, as disclosed in Schlafly, requires more than a single action with respect to the client. Specifically, to perform a catalogue order utilizing the system and methodology disclosed in Schlafly, a user is required to provide an individual subscriber secret personal authorization number, which is followed by sequentially occurring prompts responsive to which the user enters a code specifying a supplier by a catalogue and page number, the nature of the transaction, and the quantity and options pertaining to the relevant order.

In short, Schlafly simply does not disclose placing an order for an item by a single action with respect to a client, but instead clearly discloses a sequence of actions. Schlafly is accordingly cumulative with the disclosures provided in Florin.

Claim 1, as indicated above, has also been amended to include a limitation corresponding substantially to limitations of claims 25 and 26, claim 26 now having been cancelled. Specifically, claim 10 now recites the receiving of data at the client, the data including information to at least one of show and describe the item via the client, and an item identifier to enable the client to identify the item as currently being offered for sale. Claim 10 has also now been amended to recite that the enabling of the user to place the order for the item via the single action includes utilizing the received item identifier.

The above remarks also address the further rejections presented under 35 U.S.C. §103 against the other claims of the present reissue application. Specifically, the further independent claims each include limitations corresponding approximately to those of claim 10. The dependent claims are deemed to include all limitations of claims from which they depend, and the above remarks similarly address the rejections presented under 35 U.S.C. §103 against these dependent claims.

In light of the above, the Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103 have been overcome, and withdrawal of these rejections is therefore respectfully requested.

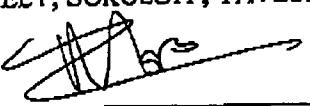
5. Conclusion

Having tendered the above remarks, and amended the claims as indicated herein, the Applicants respectfully submit that all rejections have been addressed and that the claims are now in a condition for allowance, which is earnestly solicited.

If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666. If a telephone interview would in any way expedite the prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact André Marais at (408) 947-8200 ext. 204.

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Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 26 and 56, without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows:

10. (Currently Amended) A method of facilitating ordering an item using a distributed computing system including at least one client and at least one server, the method including:

receiving data at the client, the data including information to at least one of show and describe the item via the client and an item identifier to enable the client to identify the item as currently being offered for sale;

at least one of showing and describing ~~an~~ the item to a user via the client

enabling the user to place an order for the item by a single action with respect to the client while the item is being offered for sale, the single action being in connection with the order; and

in response to the single action with respect to the client, causing ~~an~~ the order for the item to be placed,

wherein the enabling of the user to place the order for the item by the single action includes using (1) previously stored, user related personal information that is stored in a memory associated with the client for repeated use in enabling further orders for further items to be placed and so that it is not necessary to solicit the user related, personal information each time a further order is placed and (2) previously received information related to the item identifier to enable the client to identify the item as currently being offered for sale at the time of the single action.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the single action is one of a group including:

selecting of a single button; and
pressing of a single button on a TV remote control.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the user related, personal information includes at least one of a group including a user's name, address, method of payment and payment account number.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the user related, personal information is stored in memory in the client.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the distributed computing system is an interactive television system and wherein the at least one of showing and describing of the item is, at least in part, by a television signal.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the client includes an auxiliary data processor and a client computer.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12 10, wherein the client is associated with at least a set top box, and wherein the user related, personal information is stored at the set top box.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, wherein the set top box is in communication with a local computer and associated storage and wherein the method further includes:

the client retrieving information from one or more of the local computer and the associated storage.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the method further includes: controlling the client by means of the local computer.
20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the local computer is part of a local area network.
21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the system further includes a central processing facility in communication with the server and wherein the method includes:
 - sending information used in processing the order from the client to the central processing facility.
22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, further including:
 - sending an order confirmation to the user to confirm the order.
23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, further including:
 - communicating information between the client and the server via the central processing facility.
24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein a telephone system acts as the central processing facility.
25. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10 including receiving at the client data including
 - (a) ~~information to at least one of show and describe the item via the client;~~
and
 - (b) information to enable the user to order the item by the single action with respect to the client.
26. (Canceled)

27. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 26 10 wherein the item identifier includes at least one of a group of identifiers including a code and a command.

28. (Currently Amended) A method of facilitating ordering an item, the method including:

providing a client with information to at least one of show and describe an item to a user, and with an item identifier to identify the item as currently being offered for sale; and

enabling the user to place an order for the item by a single action with respect to the client, the single action being in connection with the order,

wherein the enabling of the user to place the order for the item by the single action includes using (1) previously stored, user related, personal information that is stored in a memory for repeated use in enabling further orders for further items to be placed and so that it is not necessary to solicit the user related, personal information each time a further order is placed, and (2) previously provided item information related to the item identifier information to identify the item that is as currently being offered for sale at the time of the single action.

30. (Canceled)

29. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 28, wherein the single action includes a at least one of a group including:

selecting of a single button; and

pressing of a single button on a TV remote control.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, wherein the user related, personal information includes at least one of a group including a user's name, address, method of payment and payment account number.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, including retrieving the user related, personal information from a memory associated with the client.
33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, including providing the information to at least one of show and describe the item in the form of a television signal.
34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28 including communicating with a central processing facility and wherein the client sends the order to the central processing facility for receipt via a transceiver.
35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 34 wherein a telephone system acts as the central processing facility.
36. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28 including providing an order confirmation to the client to confirm the order.
37. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28 including multiplexing the provision of the information to at least one of show and describe the item and code to the client to thereby generate data for transmission to the client.
38. (Currently Amended) A computer system to order an item, the system including:
 - a data receiver to receive data including information to at least one of show and describe the item, and an item identifier to identify the item as currently being offered for sale;
 - a data processing system to at least one of show and describe an item to a user; and
 - a client to enable the user to place an order for the item by a single action with respect to the client while the item is being offered for sale and, in response to the single action, to cause an the order for the item to be placed,

wherein the client is to enable the user to place the order for the item by the single action using (1) previously stored, user related, personal information that is stored in a memory for repeated use in enabling further orders for further items to be placed and so that it is not necessary to solicit the user related, personal information each time a further order is placed and (2) previously received information related to the item identifier identifying the item that is as currently being offered for sale at the time of the single action.

39. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 38, wherein the single action includes at least one of a group including:

selecting of a single button; and
pressing of a single button on a TV remote control.

40. (Canceled)

41. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 38, wherein the user related, personal information includes at least one of a group including a user's name, address, method of payment and payment account number.

42. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 38, wherein the user related, personal information is stored in memory of the client.

43. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 38, wherein the computer system is an interactive television system and wherein the at least one of showing and describing of the item by the data processing system is, at least in part, performed utilizing a television signal.

44. (Canceled)

45. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 38, wherein the client is associated with at least a set top box, and wherein the user related, personal information is stored at the set top box.

46. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 45, wherein the set top box is in communication with a local computer and associated storage and wherein the client is to retrieve information from one or more of the local computer and the associated storage.

47. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 46, wherein the local computer controls the client.

48. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 46, wherein the local computer is part of a local area network.

49. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 38, including a central processing facility in communication with a server and wherein the client sends information used in processing to the central processing facility.

50. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 49 wherein the server is to send an order confirmation to the user to confirm the order.

51. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 49, wherein the central processing facility is to communicate information between the client and the server.

52. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 51 wherein a telephone system acts as the central processing facility.

53. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 38 including a wherein the data receiver is to receive the data including:

~~information to at least one of show and describe the item via the client;~~

~~and~~

information to enable the user to order the item by the single action with respect to the client.

54. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 53 wherein the data receiver includes an auxiliary data extractor to extract the information to at least one of show and describe from the data and a packet data extractor to extract the information to enable from the data.

55. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 54 wherein the auxiliary data extractor provides the information to at least one of show and describe to the data processing system and the packet data extractor provides the information to enable to the client.

56. (Canceled)

57. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 56 38 wherein the item identifier includes at least one a group of identifiers including a code and a command.

58. (Currently Amended) A computer system to facilitate ordering an item, the system including:

a data source to provide a client with first information to at least one of show and describe an item to a user, and third information to identify the item as currently being offered for sale; and

an information source to provide the client with second information to enable the user to place an order for the item by a single action with respect to the client,

wherein the client is to enable the user to place the order for the item, while being offered for sale, by the single action using (1) previously stored, user related, personal information that is stored in a memory for repeated use in enabling further orders for further items to be placed and so that it is not necessary to solicit the user related, personal information each time a further order is placed and (2) previously received information related to the third information identifying the item that is as currently being offered for sale at the time of the single action.

59. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 58, wherein the single action includes at least one of a group including:

- a selecting of a single button; and
- a pressing of a single button on a TV remote control.

60. (Canceled)

61. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 58, wherein the user related, personal information includes at least one of a group including a user's name, address, method of payment and payment account number.

62. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 58, wherein the second information includes code executable by the client to retrieve the user related, personal information from a memory associated with the client.

63. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 58, wherein the data source is to provide the information in the form of a television signal.

64. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 58 including a data transceiver to communicate with a central processing facility and wherein the client sends the order to the central processing facility for receipt via the data transceiver.

65. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 64 wherein a telephone system acts as the central processing facility.

66. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 58 wherein the data source is to provide an order confirmation to the client to confirm the order.

67. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 58 including a multiplexer to multiplex the provision of the first information to at least one of show and describe and

the second information to enable to the client to thereby generate data for transmission to the client.

68 – 245 (Canceled)

246. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25 wherein the information to enable includes code executable by the client to enable the user to order the item by the single action with the client.

247. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25 wherein the information to enable includes data to be processed by code executable by the client to enable the user to order the item by the single action with the client.

248. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28 wherein the enabling includes providing code to enable the user to order the item.

249. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28 wherein the enabling includes providing data to be processed by code to enable the user to order the item.

250. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 53 wherein the information to enable includes code to enable the user to order the item.

251. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 53 wherein the information to enable includes data to be processed by code to enable the user to order the item.

252. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 58 wherein the second information to enable includes code to be executed by the client to enable the user to order the item.

253. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 58 wherein the information to enable includes data to be processed by code to enable the user to order the item.

254 - 259 (Canceled)

260. (Currently Amended) A machine-readable medium embodying a sequence of instructions that, when executed by a machine, cause the machine to facilitate ordering an item within a distributed computing system including at least one client and at least one server by:

receiving data, at the client, the data including information to at least one of show and describe the item via the client and an item identifier to enable the client to identify the item as currently being offered for sale;

at least one of showing and describing an the item to a user via the client; enabling the user to place an order for the item by a single action with respect to the client while the item is being offered for sale, the single action being in connection with the order,

in response to the single action with respect to the client, causing an the order for the item to be placed,

wherein the enabling of the user to order the item by the single action includes using (1) previously stored, user related, personal information that is stored in a memory associated with the client for repeated use in enabling further orders for further items to be placed and so that it is not necessary to solicit the user related, personal information each time a further order is placed and (2) previously received information related to the item identifier to enable the client to identify the item that is as currently being offered for sale at the time of the single action.

261. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 260, wherein the medium includes a data stream.

262. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 260, wherein the medium includes a mass storage device.

263. (Currently Amended) A machine-readable medium embodying a sequence of instructions that, when executed by a machine, cause the machine to facilitate ordering an item by:

providing a client with information to at least one of show and describe an item to a user, and with an item identifier to identify the item as currently being offered for sale; and

enabling the user to place an order for the item by a single action with respect to the client, the single action being in connection with the order, wherein the enabling of the user to place the order for the item by the single action includes using (1) previously stored, user related, personal information that is stored in a memory for repeated use in enabling further orders for further items to be placed and so that it is not necessary to solicit the user related, personal information each time a further order is placed, and (2) previously provided item information related to the item identifier information to identify the item that is as currently being offered for sale at the time of the single action.

264 – 357 (Canceled)

REMARKS**1. Summary of the Office Action**

Claims 10, 11, 13-29, 31-39, 41-43, 45-59, 61-67, 246-253, and 260-263 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 251 as being an improper recapture of broadened claimed subject matter surrendered in the application for the patent upon which the present reissue is based.

Claim 17 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicants regard as the invention.

Further, claims 10, 12, 15, 16, 21-26, 28, 33-36, 38, 40, 43, 51-54, 58, 60, 63-66, 260, 262, and 263 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 5,621,456 (hereinafter Florin) in view of US Patent No. 4,734,858 (hereinafter Schlaflay).

Further, claims 11, 29, 39, and 59 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Florin and Schlaflay, as applied to claims 10, 28, 38 and 58, and further in view of Zachary et al, "Technology: HP is building Gadget to Make TVs Interactive" (hereinafter Zachary).

Claims 13, 14, 17, 31, 32, 41, 42, 45, 61, and 62 also stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Florin and Schlaflay, as applied to claims 10, 28, 38 and 58, and further in view of US Patent No. 4,163,255 (hereinafter Pires).

Claim 27 also stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Florin and Schlaflay, as applied to claim 26, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,965,825 (hereinafter Harvey.).

Claims 18-20 and 46-48 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Florin and Schlafly, as applied to claims 10 and 38, and further in view of US Patent No. 4,789,895 (hereinafter Mustafa).

2. Response to § 251 Rejection

The Applicants respectfully disagree that the claims identified under this rejection constitute "an improper recapture of broadened claimed subject matter surrendered in the application for the patent on which the present reissue is based" (Office Action, page 2). The Applicants respectfully disagree that any broadening aspects of the reissue claims are related to subject matter that the Applicants previously surrendered, during the prosecution of U.S. Patent No. 5,819,034 (the '034 patent). The Applicant's reasons in connection with this position are set out more fully below.

A failure of a patentee (or a patentee's attorney) to appreciate the full scope of the invention during the prosecution of the original patent application is well recognized as an error correctable by a broadening reissue. See Amos, 953 F.2d at 616, 21 USPQ2d at 1273; In re Wilder, 736 F.2d 1516, 1519, 222 USPQ 369, 371 (Fed. Cir. 1984). This form of error has generally been accepted as sufficient to satisfy the "error" requirement of § 251. See Clement, 131 F.3d at 1468, 45 USPQ2d at 1163; Wilder, 736 F.2d at 1519, 222 USPQ at 371.

Broadening reissues are subject to the "recapture rule", which is discussed in Clement, 131 F.3d at 1468, 45 USPQ2d at 1164. The recapture rule "prevents a patentee from regaining through reissue . . . subject matter that he surrendered in an effort to obtain allowance of the original claims." Clement, 131 F.3d at 1468, 45 USPQ2d at 1164. The rule is rooted in the "error" requirement in that such a surrender is not the type of correctable "error" contemplated by the reissue statute. See Mentor, 998 F.2d at 995-96, 27 USPQ2d at 1525.

The Federal Circuit, in Clement, 131, F. 3d 1464, 1468-70, 45 USPQ2 at 1161, 1163-65 (Fed. Cir. 1997), stated that an analysis under the recapture rule includes a four-step analysis, namely:

1. Determining whether and in what "aspects" the reissue claims are broader than the claims of the issued patent. A reissue claim that does not include a limitation present in the original patent claims is broader in that respect. See id.
2. Determining whether the broader aspects of the reissue claims relate to surrendered subject matter. "To determine whether an applicant surrendered particular subject matter, we look to the prosecution history for arguments and changes to the claims made in an effort to overcome a prior art rejection." See id. at 1469, 45 USPQ2d at 1164.
3. Determining whether the surrendered subject matter has "crept" into the reissue claims.
4. Determining whether the reissue claims are materially narrowed, relative to the claims of the issued patent, in other respects, with a view to determining whether the recapture may be avoided. For example, in Ball Corp. v. United States, the recapture rule was avoided because the reissue claims were sufficiently narrowed (described by the court as "fundamental narrowness") despite the broadened aspects of the claims. 729 F.2d at 1438, 221 USPQ at 296.

Applying the above discussed analysis under the recapture rule to the claims of the present reissue application, it is apparent that the reissue claims are broader than the issued claims of the '034 patent in certain aspects, but also narrower relative to the issued

claims in other respects. Specifically the claims of the present reissue application are directed to facilitating ordering an item using a distributed computer system. Accordingly, limitations of at least the independent claims of the present reissue application are absent from the independent claims of the '034 patent. Consider, for example, the first limitation of independent claim one of the '034 patent, which requires the following:

A source of a data stream providing a series of time division multiplexed packets, ones of which contain auxiliary data that represent a video program, and others of which represent a distributed computing application associated with said video program, and wherein said distributed computing application is repetitively transmitted independent of receiving client computer apparatus during times that said video program is transmitted. ('034 patent, column 14, lines 37-45).

Clearly, claim 10 of the present reissue application does not include a limitation corresponding to the above-identified limitation of claim 1 of the '034 patent, and claim 10 of the present reissue application is accordingly broader in this respect.

On the other hand, consider the following limitation of claim 10 of the reissue claims:

Enabling the user to place an order for the item with a single action with respect to the client, while the item is being offered for sale, the single action being in connection with the order.

The issued claims of the '034 patent do not include a limitation corresponding to the above-identified limitation of claim 10 of the reissue application. In this respect, claim 10 of the reissued claims has been materially narrowed, relative to the claims of the '034 patent. The Applicants believe that this constitutes what is identified as a

"fundamental narrowness", identified in Ball Corp., which avoids the recapture rule, despite broadened aspects of the claims.

Further, as limitations of the issued claims of the '034 patent are not present in the reissue claims, the Applicants believe that the broader aspects of the reissue claims (i.e., the aspects corresponding to limitations in the '034 patent that are absent in the independent claims of the current reissue application) do not relate to surrendered subject matter. This is because the Applicants could not, by way of argument or amendment, surrender subject matter corresponding to the limitations of the present reissue claims in view of the absence of these limitations from the issued claims of the '034 patent. Consider for example that the claims of the '034 patent do not include any limitations directed to enabling "the user to place an order for an item by a single action." Accordingly, the opportunity did not arise during the prosecution of the '034 patent for the Applicants to in fact surrender subject matter pertaining to this limitation. In short, the subject matter of the independent claims of the current reissue application is different from the subject matter of the issue claims of the '034 patent, and the question of recaptured subject matter does not arise. This dovetails with the above position that the reissue claims are sufficiently narrowed, despite the broadened aspects of the claims, so as to avoid the recapture rule.

In conclusion, the Applicants believe that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 251 has been fully addressed, and withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

The Applicants note that the Office Action states that "[a]t a minimum, the claims require at least one of the following limitations which were argued as the patentable feature for the issued independent claims 1, 6, 7, and 9 in the 08/233,098 application", whereafter the limitations of the identified independent claims are listed (Office Action, pages 3-5). The Applicants fail to fully understand the reason for this alleged requirement. The Applicants also draw the Examiner's attention to the co-pending divisional reissue application serial number 09/903,458, in which claims corresponding to the issued claims of the '034 patent are presented. It will be recalled that, on the

suggestion of the Examiner, a number of divisional reissue applications were filed based off the current reissue application, each of these divisional applications including claims that were originally included in the current reissue application. Claims corresponding to the claims of the divisional reissue applications were then cancelled from the current reissue application, by way of a preliminary amendment dated April 13, 2001.

By requiring that a limitation in the claims of the '034 be present in the claims of the present reissue application, we speculate that reference is being made to the "original invention" requirement. We below quote the pertinent section (1412.01) from the MPEP:

1412.01 Reissue Claims Must Be for Same General Invention

The reissue claims must be for the same invention as that disclosed as being the invention in the original patent, as required by 35 U.S.C. 251. This does not mean that the invention claimed in the reissue must have been claimed in the original patent, although this is evidence that applicants considered it their invention. The entire disclosure, not just the claim(s), is considered in determining what the patentee objectively intended as his or her invention. The proper test as to whether reissue claims are for the same invention as that disclosed as being the invention in the original patent is "an essentially factual inquiry confined to the objective intent manifested by the original patent." *In re Amos*, 953 F.2d 613, 618, 21 USPQ2d 1271, 1274 (Fed. Cir. 1991) (quoting *In re Rowand*, 526 F.2d 558, 560, 187 USPQ 487, 489 (CCPA 1975)) (emphasis added). See also *In re Mead*, 581 F.2d 257, 198 USPQ 412 (CCPA 1978). The "original patent" requirement of 35 U.S.C. 251 must be understood in light of *In re Amos*, *supra*, where the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit stated:

We conclude that, under both *Mead* and *Rowand*, a claim submitted in reissue may be rejected under the "original patent" clause if

the original specification demonstrates, to one skilled in the art, an absence of disclosure sufficient to indicate that a patentee could have claimed the subject matter. Merely finding that the subject matter was "not originally claimed, not an object of the original patent, and not depicted in the drawing," does not answer the essential inquiry under the "original patent" clause of § 251, which is whether one skilled in the art, reading the specification, would identify the subject matter of the new claims as invented and disclosed by the patentees. In short, the absence of an "intent," even if objectively evident from the earlier claims, the drawings, or the original objects of the invention is simply not enough to establish that the new claims are not drawn to the invention disclosed in the original patent.

953 F.2d at 618-19, 21 USPQ2d at 1275. Claims presented in a reissue application are considered to satisfy the requirement of 35 U.S.C. 251 that the claims be "for the invention disclosed in the original patent" where:

(A) the claims presented in the reissue application are described in the original patent specification and enabled by the original patent specification such that 35 U.S.C. 112 first paragraph is satisfied; and

(B) nothing in the original patent specification indicates an intent not to claim the subject matter of the claims presented in the reissue application.

(MPEP 1412.01, Emphasis Added)

The claims of the present reissue application are clearly described in the original patent specification for the '034 patent, and are likewise enabled by the original patent specification for the '034 patent, such that 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, is satisfied.

Further, there is nothing in the original patent specification for the '034 patent which indicates an intent not to claim the subject matter of the claims of the present reissue application.

In short, the Applicants do not believe that a limitation from the issued independent claims of the '034 patent is required within the independent claims of the present reissue application in order to satisfy the "original invention" requirement.

3. Response to § 112 Rejection

Claim 17 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicants regard as the invention.

The Examiner is thanked for identifying this error in the dependency of claim 17. The Applicants have amended claim 17 to be dependent upon claim 10, as correctly assumed by the Examiner.

4. Response to § 103 Rejections

The Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections for the reasons set out below, and ask the Examiner for reconsideration. The Applicants have further also slightly amended the claims to define clearly the intended import of the claims.

To establish a **prima facie case of obviousness**, three basic criteria must be met. First, there must be some suggestion or motivation, either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art, to modify the reference or to combine reference teachings. Second, there must be a reasonable expectation of success. Finally, the prior art reference (or references when combined) must teach or suggest all the claim limitations. The teaching or suggestion to make the

claimed combination and the reasonable expectation of success must both be found in the prior art, and not based on applicant's disclosure. In re Vaeck, 947 F.2d 488, 20 USPQ2d 1438 (Fed. Cir. 1991).

THE PRIOR ART REFERENCES DO NOT TEACH OR SUGGEST ALL CLAIM LIMITATIONS, WHEN CONSIDERED SINGULARLY OR IN COMBINATION.

Taking claim 10 of the present reissue application as an exemplary claim for discussion purposes, the Office Action contends that "Florin does not explicitly disclose:

order the item by a single action with the client; and

wherein the enabling of the user to order the item by a single action includes 1) previously stored user related personal information that is stored in a memory associated with the client for repeated use in enabling further orders for further items to be placed and so that it is not necessary to solicit the user related personal information each time a further order is placed and 2) previously received information related to the item being offered for sale at the time of the single action." (Office Action, page 6-7)

The Office Action then goes on to state that Schlafly discloses ordering of the item by a single action with the user, and points to the disclosures in Schlafly, quoted immediately below, in support of this position:

Once the item has been specified it can be reviewed and modified or it can be stored in a send memory at 92 and later caused to be sent at 94 by automatic dialing of the local processor center 14. Once communication has been established, the entire content of the send memory is transmitted in a burst by

actuation of an internal modem (modulator/demodulator) 96 and the local center commences processing at 98. The send data is initially checked at 98 for verification of some of the data and a return is transmitted the data terminal at 100. The connection is then broken by the LPC and at 102 and the terminal goes "on hook". The message represented by the return is displayed at 104.

(Schlafly, column 7, lines 35-47).

However, immediately preceding the above-quoted disclosure in Schlafly, the below disclosure is provided regarding actions that are required by a user:

Operation of a data terminal 12 in the case of ordering of merchandise from various mail order suppliers is illustrated with FIGS. 3-6. FIG. 4 shows a portion 80 of a page from a Sears catalog. FIG. 5 illustrates a portion 82 of a J.C. Penney Catalog page.

As an example of a catalog order data entry, at 84 in FIG. 3 and after turn on, the user's individual subscriber secret personal authorization number, a four digit number for example, promptly by a word display, is entered. This is followed by sequentially occurring prompts, which permit entry of additional order key actuations in accordance with suitable accompanying operating instructions.

The first set of prompts at 86 calls for the entry of a code specifying the supplier by its catalog and a page number. The second set of prompts at 88 requires specification of the nature of the transaction, e.g. catalog number and special charge and shipping instructions if required. The third set of prompts at 90

requires entry of the quantity and options such as color and size when these are needed to properly specify the desired item.

(Schlafly, column 7, lines 13-34).

Clearly, the ordering of an item, as disclosed in Schlafly, requires more than a single action with respect to the client. Specifically, to perform a catalogue order utilizing the system and methodology disclosed in Schlafly, a user is required to provide an individual subscriber secret personal authorization number, which is followed by sequentially occurring prompts responsive to which the user enters a code specifying a supplier by a catalogue and page number, the nature of the transaction, and the quantity and options pertaining to the relevant order.

In short, Schlafly simply does not disclose placing an order for an item by a single action with respect to a client, but instead clearly discloses a sequence of actions.

Schlafly is accordingly cumulative with the disclosures provided in Florin.

Claim 1, as indicated above, has also been amended to include a limitation corresponding substantially to limitations of claims 25 and 26, claim 26 now having been cancelled. Specifically, claim 10 now recites the receiving of data at the client, the data including information to at least one of show and describe the item via the client, and an item identifier to enable the client to identify the item as currently being offered for sale. Claim 10 has also now been amended to recite that the enabling of the user to place the order for the item via the single action includes utilizing the received item identifier.

The above remarks also address the further rejections presented under 35 U.S.C. §103 against the other claims of the present reissue application. Specifically, the further independent claims each include limitations corresponding approximately to those of claim 10. The dependent claims are deemed to include all limitations of claims from which they depend, and the above remarks similarly address the rejections presented under 35 U.S.C. §103 against these dependent claims.

In light of the above, the Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103 have been overcome, and withdrawal of these rejections is therefore respectfully requested.

5. Conclusion

Having tendered the above remarks, and amended the claims as indicated herein, the Applicants respectfully submit that all rejections have been addressed and that the claims are now in a condition for allowance, which is earnestly solicited.

If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666. If a telephone interview would in any way expedite the prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact André Marais at (408) 947-8200 ext. 204.

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Application No.: 09/672,523

Filed: September 27, 2000

For: A METHOD AND SYSTEM TO FACILITATE
ORDERING OF AN ITEM (AS AMENDED)

Art Group: 3621

Examiner: Alexander G. Kalinowski

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants for the above-identified application respectfully Petition the Commissioner for a one (1) month extension of time, extending the period for response to November 10, 2003, from the Office Action dated July 09, 2003. The petition filing fee of \$110.00 and an Amendment and Response to Office Action are attached.

If it should be determined that a longer extension of time is required to prevent this application from being abandoned, please charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 02-2666. A copy of the Fee Transmittal is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

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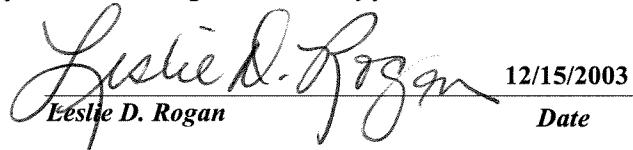
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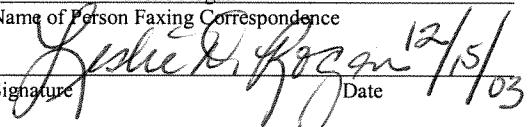
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RESPONSE TO THE NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT
(37 CFR 1.121)

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, mailed November 13, 2003, Applicants have below set forth the complete listing of all of the claims of the application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 26 and 56, without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1 – 9 (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) A method of facilitating ordering an item using a distributed computing system including at least one client and at least one server, the method including:

receiving data, at the client, the data including information to at least one of showing and describing the item via the client and an item identifier to enable the client to identify the item as currently being offered for sale;

at least one of showing and describing an the item to a user via the client

enabling the user to place an order for the item by a single action with respect to the client while the item is being offered for sale, the single action being in connection with the order; and

in response to the single action with respect to the client, causing an the order for the item to be placed,

wherein the enabling of the user to place the order for the item by the single action includes using (1) previously stored, user related personal information that is stored in a memory associated with the client for repeated use in enabling further orders for further items to be placed and so that it is not necessary to solicit the user related, personal information each time a further order is placed and (2) previously received information related to the item identifier to enable the client to identify the item as currently being offered for sale at the time of the single action.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the single action is one of a group including:

selecting of a single button; and
pressing of a single button on a TV remote control.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the user related, personal information includes at least one of a group including a user's name, address, method of payment and payment account number.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the user related, personal information is stored in memory in the client.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the distributed computing system is an interactive television system and wherein the at least one of showing and describing of the item is, at least in part, by a television signal.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the client includes an auxiliary data processor and a client computer.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12 10, wherein the client is associated with at least a set top box, and wherein the user related, personal information is stored at the set top box.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, wherein the set top box is in communication with a local computer and associated storage and wherein the method further includes:

the client retrieving information from one or more of the local computer and the associated storage.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the method further includes: controlling the client by means of the local computer.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the local computer is part of a local area network.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the system further includes a central processing facility in communication with the server and wherein the method includes:
sending information used in processing the order from the client to the central processing facility.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, further including:
sending an order confirmation to the user to confirm the order.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, further including:
communicating information between the client and the server via the central processing facility.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein a telephone system acts as the central processing facility.

25. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10 including receiving at the client data including
(a) ~~information to at least one of show and describe the item via the client;~~
~~and~~
(b) information to enable the user to order the item by the single action with respect to the client.

26. (Canceled)

27. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 26 10 wherein the item identifier includes at least one of a group of identifiers including a code and a command.

28. (Currently Amended) A method of facilitating ordering an item, the method including:

providing a client with information to at least one of show and describe an item to a user, and with an item identifier to identify the item as currently being offered for sale; and

enabling the user to place an order for the item by a single action with respect to the client, the single action being in connection with the order,

wherein the enabling of the user to place the order for the item by the single action includes using (1) previously stored, user related, personal information that is stored in a memory for repeated use in enabling further orders for further items to be placed and so that it is not necessary to solicit the user related, personal information each time a further order is placed, and (2) previously provided item information related to the item identifier information to identify the item that is as currently being offered for sale at the time of the single action.

30. (Canceled)

29. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 28, wherein the single action includes a at least one of a group including:

selecting of a single button; and
pressing of a single button on a TV remote control.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, wherein the user related, personal information includes at least one of a group including a user's name, address, method of payment and payment account number.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, including retrieving the user related, personal information from a memory associated with the client.

33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, including providing the information to at least one of show and describe the item in the form of a television signal.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28 including communicating with a central processing facility and wherein the client sends the order to the central processing facility for receipt via a transceiver.

35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 34 wherein a telephone system acts as the central processing facility.

36. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28 including providing an order confirmation to the client to confirm the order.

37. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28 including multiplexing the provision of the information to at least one of show and describe the item and code to the client to thereby generate data for transmission to the client.

38. (Currently Amended) A computer system to order an item, the system including:
a data receiver to receive data including information to at least one of
show and describe the item, and an item identifier to identify the item as currently
being offered for sale;
a data processing system to at least one of show and describe an item to a user; and
a client to enable the user to place an order for the item by a single action with respect to the client while the item is being offered for sale and, in response to the single action, to cause ~~an~~ the order for the item to be placed,

wherein the client is to enable the user to place the order for the item by the single action using (1) previously stored, user related, personal information that is stored in a memory for repeated use in enabling further orders for further items to be placed and so that it is not necessary to solicit the user related, personal information each time a further order is placed and (2) previously received information related to the item identifier identifying the item that is as currently being offered for sale at the time of the single action.

39. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 38, wherein the single action includes at least one of a group including:

selecting of a single button; and
pressing of a single button on a TV remote control.

40. (Canceled)

41. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 38, wherein the user related, personal information includes at least one of a group including a user's name, address, method of payment and payment account number.

42. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 38, wherein the user related, personal information is stored in memory of the client.

43. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 38, wherein the computer system is an interactive television system and wherein the at least one of showing and describing of the item by the data processing system is, at least in part, performed utilizing a television signal.

44. (Canceled)

45. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 38, wherein the client is associated with at least a set top box, and wherein the user related, personal information is stored at the set top box.

46. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 45, wherein the set top box is in communication with a local computer and associated storage and wherein the client is to retrieve information from one or more of the local computer and the associated storage.

47. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 46, wherein the local computer controls the client.

48. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 46, wherein the local computer is part of a local area network.

49. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 38, including a central processing facility in communication with a server and wherein the client sends information used in processing to the central processing facility.

50. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 49 wherein the server is to send an order confirmation to the user to confirm the order.

51. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 49, wherein the central processing facility is to communicate information between the client and the server.

52. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 51 wherein a telephone system acts as the central processing facility.

53. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 38 ~~including a~~ wherein the data receiver is to receive the data including:

~~information to at least one of show and describe the item via the client;~~

and

information to enable the user to order the item by the single action with respect to the client.

54. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 53 wherein the data receiver includes an auxiliary data extractor to extract the information to at least one of show and describe from the data and a packet data extractor to extract the information to enable from the data.

55. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 54 wherein the auxiliary data extractor provides the information to at least one of show and describe to the data processing system and the packet data extractor provides the information to enable to the client.

56. (Canceled)

57. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 56 38 wherein the item identifier includes at least one a group of identifiers including a code and a command.

58. (Currently Amended) A computer system to facilitate ordering an item, the system including:

a data source to provide a client with first information to at least one of show and describe an item to a user, and third information to identify the item as currently being offered for sale; and

an information source to provide the client with second information to enable the user to place an order for the item by a single action with respect to the client,

wherein the client is to enable the user to place the order for the item, while being offered for sale, by the single action using (1) previously stored, user related, personal information that is stored in a memory for repeated use in enabling further orders for further items to be placed and so that it is not necessary to solicit the user related, personal information each time a further order is placed and (2) previously received information related to the third information identifying the item that is as currently being offered for sale at the time of the single action.

59. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 58, wherein the single action includes at least one of a group including:

- a selecting of a single button; and
- a pressing of a single button on a TV remote control.

60. (Canceled)

61. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 58, wherein the user related, personal information includes at least one of a group including a user's name, address, method of payment and payment account number.

62. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 58, wherein the second information includes code executable by the client to retrieve the user related, personal information from a memory associated with the client.

63. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 58, wherein the data source is to provide the information in the form of a television signal.

64. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 58 including a data transceiver to communicate with a central processing facility and wherein the client sends the order to the central processing facility for receipt via the data transceiver.

65. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 64 wherein a telephone system acts as the central processing facility.

66. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 58 wherein the data source is to provide an order confirmation to the client to confirm the order.

67. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 58 including a multiplexer to multiplex the provision of the first information to at least one of show and describe and

the second information to enable to the client to thereby generate data for transmission to the client.

68 – 245 (Canceled)

246. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25 wherein the information to enable includes code executable by the client to enable the user to order the item by the single action with the client.

247. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25 wherein the information to enable includes data to be processed by code executable by the client to enable the user to order the item by the single action with the client.

248. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28 wherein the enabling includes providing code to enable the user to order the item.

249. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28 wherein the enabling includes providing data to be processed by code to enable the user to order the item.

250. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 53 wherein the information to enable includes code to enable the user to order the item.

251. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 53 wherein the information to enable includes data to be processed by code to enable the user to order the item.

252. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 58 wherein the second information to enable includes code to be executed by the client to enable the user to order the item.

253. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 58 wherein the information to enable includes data to be processed by code to enable the user to order the item.

254 – 259 (Canceled)

260. (Currently Amended) A machine-readable medium embodying a sequence of instructions that, when executed by a machine, cause the machine to facilitate ordering an item within a distributed computing system including at least one client and at least one server by:

receiving data, at the client, the data including information to at least one
of show and describe the item via the client and an item identifier to enable the
client to identify the item as currently being offered for sale;

at least one of showing and describing ~~an~~ the item to a user via the client;
enabling the user to place an order for the item by a single action with
respect to the client while the item is being offered for sale, the single action being
in connection with the order,

in response to the single action with respect to the client, causing ~~an~~ the
order for the item to be placed,

wherein the enabling of the user to order the item by the single action includes
using (1) previously stored, user related, personal information that is stored in a memory
associated with the client for repeated use in enabling further orders for further items to
be placed and so that it is not necessary to solicit the user related, personal information
each time a further order is placed and (2) ~~previously received information related to the~~
~~item identifier to enable the client to identify the item that is as currently being offered for~~
sale at the time of the single action.

261. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 260, wherein the
medium includes a data stream.

262. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 260, wherein the
medium includes a mass storage device.

263. (Currently Amended) A machine-readable medium embodying a sequence of instructions that, when executed by a machine, cause the machine to facilitate ordering an item by:

providing a client with information to at least one of show and describe an item to a user, and with an item identifier to identify the item as currently being offered for sale; and

enabling the user to place an order for the item by a single action with respect to the client, the single action being in connection with the order, wherein the enabling of the user to place the order for the item by the single action includes using (1) previously stored, user related, personal information that is stored in a memory for repeated use in enabling further orders for further items to be placed and so that it is not necessary to solicit the user related, personal information each time a further order is placed, and (2) previously provided item information related to the item identifier information to identify the item that is as currently being offered for sale at the time of the single action.

264 – 357 (Canceled)

REMARKS

1. Summary of the Office Action

Claims 10, 11, 13-29, 31-39, 41-43, 45-59, 61-67, 246-253, and 260-263 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 251 as being an improper recapture of broadened claimed subject matter surrendered in the application for the patent upon which the present reissue is based.

Claim 17 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicants regard as the invention.

Further, claims 10, 12, 15, 16, 21-26, 28, 33-36, 38, 40, 43, 51-54, 58, 60, 63-66, 260, 262, and 263 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 5,621,456 (hereinafter Florin) in view of US Patent No. 4,734,858 (hereinafter Schlafly).

Further, claims 11, 29, 39, and 59 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Florin and Schlafly, as applied to claims 10, 28, 38 and 58, and further in view of Zachary et al, “Technology: HP is building Gadget to Make TVs Interactive” (hereinafter Zachary).

Claims 13, 14, 17, 31, 32, 41, 42, 45, 61, and 62 also stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Florin and Schlafly, as applied to claims 10, 28, 38 and 58, and further in view of US Patent No. 4,163,255 (hereinafter Pires).

Claim 27 also stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Florin and Schlafly, as applied to claim 26, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,965,825 (hereinafter Harvey.).

Claims 18-20 and 46-48 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Florin and Schlafly, as applied to claims 10 and 38, and further in view of US Patent No. 4,789,895 (hereinafter Mustafa).

2. Response to § 251 Rejection

The Applicants respectfully disagree that the claims identified under this rejection constitute “an improper recapture of broadened claimed subject matter surrendered in the application for the patent on which the present reissue is based” (Office Action, page 2). The Applicants respectfully disagree that any broadening aspects of the reissue claims are related to subject matter that the Applicants previously surrendered, during the prosecution of U.S. Patent No. 5,819,034 (the ‘034 patent). The Applicant’s reasons in connection with this position are set out more fully below.

A failure of a patentee (or a patentee's attorney) to appreciate the full scope of the invention during the prosecution of the original patent application is well recognized as an error correctable by a broadening reissue. See Amos, 953 F.2d at 616, 21 USPQ2d at 1273; In re Wilder, 736 F.2d 1516, 1519, 222 USPQ 369, 371 (Fed. Cir. 1984). This form of error has generally been accepted as sufficient to satisfy the "error" requirement of § 251. See Clement, 131 F.3d at 1468, 45 USPQ2d at 1163; Wilder, 736 F.2d at 1519, 222 USPQ at 371.

Broadening reissues are subject to the “recapture rule”, which is discussed in Clement, 131 F.3d at 1468, 45 USPQ2d at 1164. The recapture rule "prevents a patentee from regaining through reissue . . . subject matter that he surrendered in an effort to obtain allowance of the original claims." Clement, 131 F.3d at 1468, 45 USPQ2d at 1164. The rule is rooted in the "error" requirement in that such a surrender is not the type of correctable "error" contemplated by the reissue statute. See Mentor, 998 F.2d at 995-96, 27 USPQ2d at 1525.

The Federal Circuit, in Clement, 131, F. 3d 1464, 1468-70, 45 USPQ2 at 1161, 1163-65 (Fed. Cir. 1997), stated that an analysis under the recapture rule includes a four-step analysis, namely:

1. Determining whether and in what “aspects” the reissue claims are broader than the claims of the issued patent. A reissue claim that does not include a limitation present in the original patent claims is broader in that respect. See id.
2. Determining whether the broader aspects of the reissue claims relate to surrendered subject matter. "To determine whether an applicant surrendered particular subject matter, we look to the prosecution history for arguments and changes to the claims made in an effort to overcome a prior art rejection." See id. at 1469, 45 USPQ2d at 1164.
3. Determining whether the surrendered subject matter has “crept” into the reissue claims.
4. Determining whether the reissue claims are materially narrowed, relative to the claims of the issued patent, in other respects, with a view to determining whether the recapture may be avoided. For example, in Ball Corp. v. United States, the recapture rule was avoided because the reissue claims were sufficiently narrowed (described by the court as "fundamental narrowness") despite the broadened aspects of the claims. 729 F.2d at 1438, 221 USPQ at 296.

Applying the above discussed analysis under the recapture rule to the claims of the present reissue application, it is apparent that the reissue claims are broader than the issued claims of the ‘034 patent in certain aspects, but also narrower relative to the issued

claims in other respects. Specifically the claims of the present reissue application are directed to facilitating ordering an item using a distributed computer system. Accordingly, limitations of at least the independent claims of the present reissue application are absent from the independent claims of the ‘034 patent. Consider, for example, the first limitation of independent claim one of the ‘034 patent, which requires the following:

A source of a data stream providing a series of time division multiplexed packets, ones of which contain auxiliary data that represent a video program, and others of which represent a distributed computing application associated with said video program, and wherein said distributed computing application is repetitively transmitted independent of receiving client computer apparatus during times that said video program is transmitted. (‘034 patent, column 14, lines 37-45).

Clearly, claim 10 of the present reissue application does not include a limitation corresponding to the above-identified limitation of claim 1 of the ‘034 patent, and claim 10 of the present reissue application is accordingly broader in this respect.

On the other hand, consider the following limitation of claim 10 of the reissue claims:

Enabling the user to place an order for the item with a single action with respect to the client, while the item is being offered for sale, the single action being in connection with the order.

The issued claims of the ‘034 patent do not include a limitation corresponding to the above-identified limitation of claim 10 of the reissue application. In this respect, claim 10 of the reissued claims has been materially narrowed, relative to the claims of the ‘034 patent. The Applicants believe that this constitutes what is identified as a

“fundamental narrowness”, identified in Ball Corp., which avoids the recapture rule, despite broadened aspects of the claims.

Further, as limitations of the issued claims of the ‘034 patent are not present in the reissue claims, the Applicants believe that the broader aspects of the reissue claims (i.e., the aspects corresponding to limitations in the ‘034 patent that are absent in the independent claims of the current reissue application) do not relate to surrendered subject matter. This is because the Applicants could not, by way of argument or amendment, surrender subject matter corresponding to the limitations of the present reissue claims in view of the absence of these limitations from the issued claims of the ‘034 patent. Consider for example that the claims of the ‘034 patent do not include any limitations directed to enabling “the user to place an order for an item by a single action.” Accordingly, the opportunity did not arise during the prosecution of the ‘034 patent for the Applicants to in fact surrender subject matter pertaining to this limitation. In short, the subject matter of the independent claims of the current reissue application is different from the subject matter of the issued claims of the ‘034 patent, and the question of recaptured subject matter does not arise. This dovetails with the above position that the reissue claims are sufficiently narrowed, despite the broadened aspects of the claims, so as to avoid the recapture rule.

In conclusion, the Applicants believe that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 251 has been fully addressed, and withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

The Applicants note that the Office Action states that “[a]t a minimum, the claims require at least one of the following limitations which were argued as the patentable feature for the issued independent claims 1, 6, 7, and 9 in the 08/233,098 application”, whereafter the limitations of the identified independent claims are listed (Office Action, pages 3-5). The Applicants fail to fully understand the reason for this alleged requirement. The Applicants also draw the Examiner’s attention to the co-pending divisional reissue application serial number 09/903,458, in which claims corresponding to the issued claims of the ‘034 patent are presented. It will be recalled that, on the

suggestion of the Examiner, a number of divisional reissue applications were filed based off the current reissue application, each of these divisional applications including claims that were originally included in the current reissue application. Claims corresponding to the claims of the divisional reissue applications were then cancelled from the current reissue application, by way of a preliminary amendment dated April 13, 2001.

By requiring that a limitation in the claims of the ‘034 be present in the claims of the present reissue application, we speculate that reference is being made to the “orginal invention” requirement. We below quote the pertinent section (1412.01) from the MPEP:

1412.01 Reissue Claims Must Be for Same General Invention

The reissue claims must be for the same invention as that disclosed as being the invention in the original patent, as required by 35 U.S.C. 251. This does *not* mean that the invention claimed in the reissue must have been claimed in the original patent, although this is evidence that applicants considered it their invention. The entire disclosure, not just the claim(s), is considered in determining what the patentee objectively intended as his or her invention. The proper test as to whether reissue claims are for the same invention as that disclosed as being the invention in the original patent is "an essentially factual inquiry confined to the objective intent manifested by the **original patent**." *In re Amos*, 953 F.2d 613, 618, 21 USPQ2d 1271, 1274 (Fed. Cir. 1991) (quoting *In re Rowand*, 526 F.2d 558, 560, 187 USPQ 487, 489 (CCPA 1975)) (emphasis added). See also *In re Mead*, 581 F.2d 257, 198 USPQ 412 (CCPA 1978). The "original patent" requirement of 35 U.S.C. 251 must be understood in light of *In re Amos*, *supra*, where the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit stated:

We conclude that, under both *Mead* and *Rowand*, a claim submitted in reissue may be rejected under the "original patent" clause if

the original specification demonstrates, to one skilled in the art, an absence of disclosure sufficient to indicate that a patentee could have claimed the subject matter. Merely finding that the subject matter was "not originally claimed, not an object of the original patent, and not depicted in the drawing," does not answer the essential inquiry under the "original patent" clause of § 251, which is whether one skilled in the art, reading the specification, would identify the subject matter of the new claims as invented and disclosed by the patentees. In short, the absence of an "intent," even if objectively evident from the earlier claims, the drawings, or the original objects of the invention is simply not enough to establish that the new claims are not drawn to the invention disclosed in the original patent.

953 F.2d at 618-19, 21 USPQ2d at 1275. Claims presented in a reissue application are considered to satisfy the requirement of 35 U.S.C. 251 that the claims be "for the invention disclosed in the original patent" where:

(A) the claims presented in the reissue application are described in the original patent specification and enabled by the original patent specification such that 35 U.S.C. 112 first paragraph is satisfied; and

(B) nothing in the original patent specification indicates an intent not to claim the subject matter of the claims presented in the reissue application.

(MPEP 1412.01, Emphasis Added)

The claims of the present reissue application are clearly described in the original patent specification for the '034 patent, and are likewise enabled by the original patent specification for the '034 patent, such that 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, is satisfied.

Further, there is nothing in the original patent specification for the ‘034 patent which indicates an intent not to claim the subject matter of the claims of the present reissue application.

In short, the Applicants do not believe that a limitation from the issued independent claims of the ‘034 patent is required within the independent claims of the present reissue application in order to satisfy the “original invention” requirement.

3. Response to § 112 Rejection

Claim 17 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicants regard as the invention.

The Examiner is thanked for identifying this error in the dependency of claim 17. The Applicants have amended claim 17 to be dependent upon claim 10, as correctly assumed by the Examiner.

4. Response to § 103 Rejections

The Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections for the reasons set out below, and ask the Examiner for reconsideration. The Applicants have further also slightly amended the claims to define clearly the intended import of the claims.

To establish a **prima facie** case of **obviousness**, three basic criteria must be met. First, there must be some suggestion or motivation, either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art, to modify the reference or to combine reference teachings. Second, there must be a reasonable expectation of success. Finally, the prior art reference (or references when combined) must teach or suggest all the claim limitations. The teaching or suggestion to make the

claimed combination and the reasonable expectation of success must both be found in the prior art, and not based on applicant's disclosure. In re Vaeck, 947 F.2d 488, 20 USPQ2d 1438 (Fed. Cir. 1991).

**THE PRIOR ART REFERENCES DO NOT TEACH OR SUGGEST ALL CLAIM
LIMITATIONS, WHEN CONSIDERED SINGULARLY OR IN COMBINATION.**

Taking claim 10 of the present reissue application as an exemplary claim for discussion purposes, the Office Action contends that "Florin does not explicitly disclose:

order the item by a single action with the client; and

wherein the enabling of the user to order the item by a single action includes 1) previously stored user related personal information that is stored in a memory associated with the client for repeated use in enabling further orders for further items to be placed and so that it is not necessary to solicit the user related personal information each time a further order is placed and 2) previously received information related to the item being offered for sale at the time of the single action." (Office Action, page 6-7)

The Office Action then goes on to state that Schlafly discloses ordering of the item by a single action with the user, and points to the disclosures in Schlafly, quoted immediately below, in support of this position:

Once the item has been specified it can be reviewed and modified or it can be stored in a send memory at 92 and later caused to be sent at 94 by automatic dialing of the local processor center 14. Once communication has been established, the entire content of the send memory is transmitted in a burst by

actuation of an internal modem (modulator/demodulator) 96 and the local center commences processing at 98. The send data is initially checked at 98 for verification of some of the data and a return is transmitted the data terminal at 100. The connection is then broken by the LPC and at 102 and the terminal goes "on hook". The message represented by the return is displayed at 104.

(Schlafly, column 7, lines 35-47).

However, immediately preceding the above-quoted disclosure in Schlafly, the below disclosure is provided regarding actions that are required by a user:

Operation of a data terminal 12 in the case of ordering of merchandise from various mail order suppliers is illustrated with FIGS. 3-6. FIG. 4 shows a portion 80 of a page from a Sears catalog. FIG. 5 illustrates a portion 82 of a J.C. Penney Catalog page.

As an example of a catalog order data entry, at 84 in FIG. 3 and after turn on, the user's individual subscriber secret personal authorization number, a four digit number for example, promptly by a word display, is entered. This is followed by sequentially occurring prompts, which permit entry of additional order key actuations in accordance with suitable accompanying operating instructions.

The first set of prompts at 86 calls for the entry of a code specifying the supplier by its catalog and a page number. The second set of prompts at 88 requires specification of the nature of the transaction, e.g. catalog number and special charge and shipping instructions if required. The third set of prompts at 90

requires entry of the quantity and options such as color and size when these are needed to properly specify the desired item.

(Schlafly, column 7, lines 13-34).

Clearly, the ordering of an item, as disclosed in Schlafly, requires more than a single action with respect to the client. Specifically, to perform a catalogue order utilizing the system and methodology disclosed in Schlafly, a user is required to provide an individual subscriber secret personal authorization number, which is followed by sequentially occurring prompts responsive to which the user enters a code specifying a supplier by a catalogue and page number, the nature of the transaction, and the quantity and options pertaining to the relevant order.

In short, Schlafly simply does not disclose placing an order for an item by a single action with respect to a client, but instead clearly discloses a sequence of actions. Schlafly is accordingly cumulative with the disclosures provided in Florin.

Claim 1, as indicated above, has also been amended to include a limitation corresponding substantially to limitations of claims 25 and 26, claim 26 now having been cancelled. Specifically, claim 10 now recites the receiving of data at the client, the data including information to at least one of show and describe the item via the client, and an item identifier to enable the client to identify the item as currently being offered for sale. Claim 10 has also now been amended to recite that the enabling of the user to place the order for the item via the single action includes utilizing the received item identifier.

The above remarks also address the further rejections presented under 35 U.S.C. §103 against the other claims of the present reissue application. Specifically, the further independent claims each include limitations corresponding approximately to those of claim 10. The dependent claims are deemed to include all limitations of claims from which they depend, and the above remarks similarly address the rejections presented under 35 U.S.C. §103 against these dependent claims.

In light of the above, the Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103 have been overcome, and withdrawal of these rejections is therefore respectfully requested.

5. Conclusion

Having tendered the above remarks, and amended the claims as indicated herein, the Applicants respectfully submit that all rejections have been addressed and that the claims are now in a condition for allowance, which is earnestly solicited.

If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666. If a telephone interview would in any way expedite the prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact André Marais at (408) 947-8200 ext. 204.

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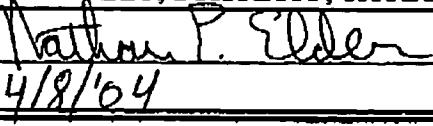
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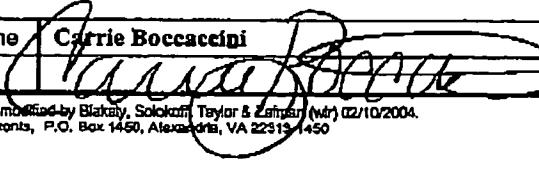
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RESPONSE TO THE NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT
(37 CFR 1.121)

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, mailed March 8, 2004, Applicants have below set forth the complete listing of all of the claims of the application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 26 and 56, without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1 - 9 (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) A method of facilitating ordering an item using a distributed computing system including at least one client and at least one server, the method including:

receiving data, at the client, the data including information to at least one of show and describe the item via the client and an item identifier to enable the client to identify the item as currently being offered for sale;

at least one of showing and describing [an] the item to a user via the client

enabling the user to place an order for the item by a single action with respect to the client while the item is being offered for sale, the single action being in connection with the order; and

in response to the single action with respect to the client, causing [an] the order for the item to be placed,

wherein the enabling of the user to place the order for the item by the single action includes using (1) previously stored, user related personal information that is stored in a memory associated with the client for repeated use in enabling further orders for further items to be placed and so that it is not necessary to solicit the user related, personal information each time a further order is placed and (2) [previously received information related to] the item identifier to enable the client to identify the item as currently being offered for sale at the time of the single action.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the single action is one of a group including:

selecting of a single button; and
pressing of a single button on a TV remote control.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the user related, personal information includes at least one of a group including a user's name, address, method of payment and payment account number.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the user related, personal information is stored in memory in the client.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the distributed computing system is an interactive television system and wherein the at least one of showing and describing of the item is, at least in part, by a television signal.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the client includes an auxiliary data processor and a client computer.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [12] 10, wherein the client is associated with at least a set top box, and wherein the user related, personal information is stored at the set top box.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, wherein the set top box is in communication with a local computer and associated storage and wherein the method further includes:

the client retrieving information from one or more of the local computer and the associated storage.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the method further includes: controlling the client by means of the local computer.
20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the local computer is part of a local area network.
21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the system further includes a central processing facility in communication with the server and wherein the method includes:
sending information used in processing the order from the client to the central processing facility.
22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, further including:
sending an order confirmation to the user to confirm the order.
23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, further including:
communicating information between the client and the server via the central processing facility.
24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein a telephone system acts as the central processing facility.
25. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10 including receiving at the client data including
 - [(a) information to at least one of show and describe the item via the client; and]
 - [(b)] information to enable the user to order the item by the single action with respect to the client.
26. (Canceled)

27. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [26] 10 wherein the item identifier includes at least one of a group of identifiers including a code and a command.

28. (Currently Amended) A method of facilitating ordering an item, the method including:

providing a client with information to at least one of show and describe an item to a user, and with an item identifier to identify the item as currently being offered for sale; and

enabling the user to place an order for the item by a single action with respect to the client, the single action being in connection with the order,

wherein the enabling of the user to place the order for the item by the single action includes using (1) previously stored, user related, personal information that is stored in a memory for repeated use in enabling further orders for further items to be placed and so that it is not necessary to solicit the user related, personal information each time a further order is placed, and (2) [previously provided item information related to] the item identifier information to identify the item [that is] as currently being offered for sale at the time of the single action.

30. (Canceled)

29. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 28, wherein the single action includes [a] at least one of a group including:

selecting of a single button; and

pressing of a single button on a TV remote control.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, wherein the user related, personal information includes at least one of a group including a user's name, address, method of payment and payment account number.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, including retrieving the user related, personal information from a memory associated with the client.
33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, including providing the information to at least one of show and describe the item in the form of a television signal.
34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28 including communicating with a central processing facility and wherein the client sends the order to the central processing facility for receipt via a transceiver.
35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 34 wherein a telephone system acts as the central processing facility.
36. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28 including providing an order confirmation to the client to confirm the order.
37. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28 including multiplexing the provision of the information to at least one of show and describe the item and code to the client to thereby generate data for transmission to the client.
38. (Currently Amended) A computer system to order an item, the system including:
a data receiver to receive data including information to at least one of show and describe the item, and an item identifier to identify the item as currently being offered for sale;
a data processing system to at least one of show and describe an item to a user; and
a client to enable the user to place an order for the item by a single action with respect to the client while the item is being offered for sale and, in response to the single action, to cause [an] the order for the item to be placed,

wherein the client is to enable the user to place the order for the item by the single action using (1) previously stored, user related, personal information that is stored in a memory for repeated use in enabling further orders for further items to be placed and so that it is not necessary to solicit the user related, personal information each time a further order is placed and (2) [previously received information related to] the item identifier identifying the item [that is] as currently being offered for sale at the time of the single action.

39. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 38, wherein the single action includes at least one of a group including:

selecting of a single button; and
pressing of a single button on a TV remote control.

40. (Canceled)

41. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 38, wherein the user related, personal information includes at least one of a group including a user's name, address, method of payment and payment account number.

42. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 38, wherein the user related, personal information is stored in memory of the client.

43. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 38, wherein the computer system is an interactive television system and wherein the at least one of showing and describing of the item by the data processing system is, at least in part, performed utilizing a television signal.

44. (Canceled)

45. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 38, wherein the client is associated with at least a set top box, and wherein the user related, personal information is stored at the set top box.

46. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 45, wherein the set top box is in communication with a local computer and associated storage and wherein the client is to retrieve information from one or more of the local computer and the associated storage.

47. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 46, wherein the local computer controls the client.

48. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 46, wherein the local computer is part of a local area network.

49. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 38, including a central processing facility in communication with a server and wherein the client sends information used in processing to the central processing facility.

50. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 49 wherein the server is to send an order confirmation to the user to confirm the order.

51. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 49, wherein the central processing facility is to communicate information between the client and the server.

52. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 51 wherein a telephone system acts as the central processing facility.

53. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 38 [including a] wherein the data receiver is to receive the data including:

[information to at least one of show and describe the item via the client; and]

information to enable the user to order the item by the single action with respect to the client.

54. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 53 wherein the data receiver includes an auxiliary data extractor to extract the information to at least one of show and describe from the data and a packet data extractor to extract the information to enable from the data.

55. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 54 wherein the auxiliary data extractor provides the information to at least one of show and describe to the data processing system and the packet data extractor provides the information to enable to the client.

56. (Canceled)

57. (Currently Amended) The system of claim [56] 38 wherein the item identifier includes at least one a group of identifiers including a code and a command.

58. (Currently Amended) A computer system to facilitate ordering an item, the system including:

a data source to provide a client with first information to at least one of show and describe an item to a user, and third information to identify the item as currently being offered for sale; and

an information source to provide the client with second information to enable the user to place an order for the item by a single action with respect to the client,

wherein the client is to enable the user to place the order for the item, while being offered for sale, by the single action using (1) previously stored, user related, personal information that is stored in a memory for repeated use in enabling further orders for further items to be placed and so that it is not necessary to solicit the user related, personal information each time a further order is placed and (2) [previously received information related to] the third information identifying the item [that is] as currently being offered for sale at the time of the single action.

59. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 58, wherein the single action includes at least one of a group including:

a selecting of a single button; and
a pressing of a single button on a TV remote control.

60. (Canceled)

61. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 58, wherein the user related, personal information includes at least one of a group including a user's name, address, method of payment and payment account number.

62. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 58, wherein the second information includes code executable by the client to retrieve the user related, personal information from a memory associated with the client.

63. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 58, wherein the data source is to provide the information in the form of a television signal.

64. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 58 including a data transceiver to communicate with a central processing facility and wherein the client sends the order to the central processing facility for receipt via the data transceiver.

65. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 64 wherein a telephone system acts as the central processing facility.

66. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 58 wherein the data source is to provide an order confirmation to the client to confirm the order.

67. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 58 including a multiplexer to multiplex the provision of the first information to at least one of show and describe and

the second information to enable to the client to thereby generate data for transmission to the client.

68 – 245 (Canceled)

246. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25 wherein the information to enable includes code executable by the client to enable the user to order the item by the single action with the client.

247. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25 wherein the information to enable includes data to be processed by code executable by the client to enable the user to order the item by the single action with the client.

248. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28 wherein the enabling includes providing code to enable the user to order the item.

249. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28 wherein the enabling includes providing data to be processed by code to enable the user to order the item.

250. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 53 wherein the information to enable includes code to enable the user to order the item.

251. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 53 wherein the information to enable includes data to be processed by code to enable the user to order the item.

252. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 58 wherein the second information to enable includes code to be executed by the client to enable the user to order the item.

253. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 58 wherein the information to enable includes data to be processed by code to enable the user to order the item.

254 – 259 (Canceled)

260. (Currently Amended) A machine-readable medium embodying a sequence of instructions that, when executed by a machine, cause the machine to facilitate ordering an item within a distributed computing system including at least one client and at least one server by:

receiving data, at the client, the data including information to at least one of show and describe the item via the client and an item identifier to enable the client to identify the item as currently being offered for sale;

at least one of showing and describing [an] the item to a user via the client; enabling the user to place an order for the item by a single action with respect to the client while the item is being offered for sale, the single action being in connection with the order,

in response to the single action with respect to the client, causing [an] the order for the item to be placed,

wherein the enabling of the user to order the item by the single action includes using (1) previously stored, user related, personal information that is stored in a memory associated with the client for repeated use in enabling further orders for further items to be placed and so that it is not necessary to solicit the user related, personal information each time a further order is placed and (2) [previously received information related to] the item identifier to enable the client to identify the item [that is] as currently being offered for sale at the time of the single action.

261. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 260, wherein the medium includes a data stream.

262. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 260, wherein the medium includes a mass storage device.

263. (Currently Amended) A machine-readable medium embodying a sequence of instructions that, when executed by a machine, cause the machine to facilitate ordering an item by:

providing a client with information to at least one of show and describe an item to a user, and with an item identifier to identify the item as currently being offered for sale; and

enabling the user to place an order for the item by a single action with respect to the client, the single action being in connection with the order,

wherein the enabling of the user to place the order for the item by the single action includes using (1) previously stored, user related, personal information that is stored in a memory for repeated use in enabling further orders for further items to be placed and so that it is not necessary to solicit the user related, personal information each time a further order is placed, and (2) [previously provided item information related to] the item identifier information to identify the item that is as currently being offered for sale at the time of the single action.

264 – 357 (Canceled)

REMARKS1. Summary of the Office Action

Claims 10, 11, 13-29, 31-39, 41-43, 45-59, 61-67, 246-253, and 260-263 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 251 as being an improper recapture of broadened claimed subject matter surrendered in the application for the patent upon which the present reissue is based.

Claim 17 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicants regard as the invention.

Further, claims 10, 12, 15, 16, 21-26, 28, 33-36, 38, 40, 43, 51-54, 58, 60, 63-66, 260, 262, and 263 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 5,621,456 (hereinafter Florin) in view of US Patent No. 4,734,858 (hereinafter Schlafly).

Further, claims 11, 29, 39, and 59 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Florin and Schlafly, as applied to claims 10, 28, 38 and 58, and further in view of Zachary et al, "Technology: HP is building Gadget to Make TVs Interactive" (hereinafter Zachary).

Claims 13, 14, 17, 31, 32, 41, 42, 45, 61, and 62 also stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Florin and Schlafly, as applied to claims 10, 28, 38 and 58, and further in view of US Patent No. 4,163,255 (hereinafter Pires).

Claim 27 also stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Florin and Schlafly, as applied to claim 26, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,965,825 (hereinafter Harvey.).

Claims 18-20 and 46-48 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Florin and Schlafly, as applied to claims 10 and 38, and further in view of US Patent No. 4,789,895 (hereinafter Mustafa).

2. Response to § 251 Rejection

The Applicants respectfully disagree that the claims identified under this rejection constitute "an improper recapture of broadened claimed subject matter surrendered in the application for the patent on which the present reissue is based" (Office Action, page 2). The Applicants respectfully disagree that any broadening aspects of the reissue claims are related to subject matter that the Applicants previously surrendered, during the prosecution of U.S. Patent No. 5,819,034 (the '034 patent). The Applicant's reasons in connection with this position are set out more fully below.

A failure of a patentee (or a patentee's attorney) to appreciate the full scope of the invention during the prosecution of the original patent application is well recognized as an error correctable by a broadening reissue. See Amos, 953 F.2d at 616, 21 USPQ2d at 1273; In re Wilder, 736 F.2d 1516, 1519, 222 USPQ 369, 371 (Fed. Cir. 1984). This form of error has generally been accepted as sufficient to satisfy the "error" requirement of § 251. See Clement, 131 F.3d at 1468, 45 USPQ2d at 1163; Wilder, 736 F.2d at 1519, 222 USPQ at 371.

Broadening reissues are subject to the "recapture rule", which is discussed in Clement, 131 F.3d at 1468, 45 USPQ2d at 1164. The recapture rule "prevents a patentee from regaining through reissue . . . subject matter that he surrendered in an effort to obtain allowance of the original claims." Clement, 131 F.3d at 1468, 45 USPQ2d at 1164. The rule is rooted in the "error" requirement in that such a surrender is not the type of correctable "error" contemplated by the reissue statute. See Mentor, 998 F.2d at 995-96, 27 USPQ2d at 1525.

The Federal Circuit, in Clement, 131, F. 3d 1464, 1468-70, 45 USPQ2 at 1161, 1163-65 (Fed. Cir. 1997), stated that an analysis under the recapture rule includes a four-step analysis, namely:

1. Determining whether and in what "aspects" the reissue claims are broader than the claims of the issued patent. A reissue claim that does not include a limitation present in the original patent claims is broader in that respect. See id.
2. Determining whether the broader aspects of the reissue claims relate to surrendered subject matter. "To determine whether an applicant surrendered particular subject matter, we look to the prosecution history for arguments and changes to the claims made in an effort to overcome a prior art rejection." See id. at 1469, 45 USPQ2d at 1164.
3. Determining whether the surrendered subject matter has "crept" into the reissue claims.
4. Determining whether the reissue claims are materially narrowed, relative to the claims of the issued patent, in other respects, with a view to determining whether the recapture may be avoided. For example, in Ball Corp. v. United States, the recapture rule was avoided because the reissue claims were sufficiently narrowed (described by the court as "fundamental narrowness") despite the broadened aspects of the claims. 729 F.2d at 1438, 221 USPQ at 296.

Applying the above discussed analysis under the recapture rule to the claims of the present reissue application, it is apparent that the reissue claims are broader than the issued claims of the '034 patent in certain aspects, but also narrower relative to the issued

claims in other respects. Specifically the claims of the present reissue application are directed to facilitating ordering an item using a distributed computer system. Accordingly, limitations of at least the independent claims of the present reissue application are absent from the independent claims of the '034 patent. Consider, for example, the first limitation of independent claim one of the '034 patent, which requires the following:

A source of a data stream providing a series of time division multiplexed packets, ones of which contain auxiliary data that represent a video program, and others of which represent a distributed computing application associated with said video program, and wherein said distributed computing application is repetitively transmitted independent of receiving client computer apparatus during times that said video program is transmitted. ('034 patent, column 14, lines 37-45).

Clearly, claim 10 of the present reissue application does not include a limitation corresponding to the above-identified limitation of claim 1 of the '034 patent, and claim 10 of the present reissue application is accordingly broader in this respect.

On the other hand, consider the following limitation of claim 10 of the reissue claims:

Enabling the user to place an order for the item with a single action with respect to the client, while the item is being offered for sale, the single action being in connection with the order.

The issued claims of the '034 patent do not include a limitation corresponding to the above-identified limitation of claim 10 of the reissue application. In this respect, claim 10 of the reissued claims has been materially narrowed, relative to the claims of the '034 patent. The Applicants believe that this constitutes what is identified as a

"fundamental narrowness", identified in Ball Corp., which avoids the recapture rule, despite broadened aspects of the claims.

Further, as limitations of the issued claims of the '034 patent are not present in the reissue claims, the Applicants believe that the broader aspects of the reissue claims (i.e., the aspects corresponding to limitations in the '034 patent that are absent in the independent claims of the current reissue application) do not relate to surrendered subject matter. This is because the Applicants could not, by way of argument or amendment, surrender subject matter corresponding to the limitations of the present reissue claims in view of the absence of these limitations from the issued claims of the '034 patent. Consider for example that the claims of the '034 patent do not include any limitations directed to enabling "the user to place an order for an item by a single action." Accordingly, the opportunity did not arise during the prosecution of the '034 patent for the Applicants to in fact surrender subject matter pertaining to this limitation. In short, the subject matter of the independent claims of the current reissue application is different from the subject matter of the issue claims of the '034 patent, and the question of recaptured subject matter does not arise. This dovetails with the above position that the reissue claims are sufficiently narrowed, despite the broadened aspects of the claims, so as to avoid the recapture rule.

In conclusion, the Applicants believe that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 251 has been fully addressed, and withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

The Applicants note that the Office Action states that "[a]t a minimum, the claims require at least one of the following limitations which were argued as the patentable feature for the issued independent claims 1, 6, 7, and 9 in the 08/233,098 application", whereafter the limitations of the identified independent claims are listed (Office Action, pages 3-5). The Applicants fail to fully understand the reason for this alleged requirement. The Applicants also draw the Examiner's attention to the co-pending divisional reissue application serial number 09/903,458, in which claims corresponding to the issued claims of the '034 patent are presented. It will be recalled that, on the

suggestion of the Examiner, a number of divisional reissue applications were filed based off the current reissue application, each of these divisional applications including claims that were originally included in the current reissue application. Claims corresponding to the claims of the divisional reissue applications were then cancelled from the current reissue application, by way of a preliminary amendment dated April 13, 2001.

By requiring that a limitation in the claims of the '034 be present in the claims of the present reissue application, we speculate that reference is being made to the "original invention" requirement. We below quote the pertinent section (1412.01) from the MPEP:

1412.01 Reissue Claims Must Be for Same General Invention

The reissue claims must be for the same invention as that disclosed as being the invention in the original patent, as required by 35 U.S.C. 251. This does not mean that the invention claimed in the reissue must have been claimed in the original patent, although this is evidence that applicants considered it their invention. The entire disclosure, not just the claim(s), is considered in determining what the patentee objectively intended as his or her invention. The proper test as to whether reissue claims are for the same invention as that disclosed as being the invention in the original patent is "an essentially factual inquiry confined to the objective intent manifested by the original patent." *In re Amos*, 953 F.2d 613, 618, 21 USPQ2d 1271, 1274 (Fed. Cir. 1991) (quoting *In re Rowand*, 526 F.2d 558, 560, 187 USPQ 487, 489 (CCPA 1975)) (emphasis added). See also *In re Mead*, 581 F.2d 257, 198 USPQ 412 (CCPA 1978). The "original patent" requirement of 35 U.S.C. 251 must be understood in light of *In re Amos*, *supra*, where the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit stated:

We conclude that, under both *Mead* and *Rowand*, a claim submitted in reissue may be rejected under the "original patent" clause if

the original specification demonstrates, to one skilled in the art, an absence of disclosure sufficient to indicate that a patentee could have claimed the subject matter. Merely finding that the subject matter was "not originally claimed, not an object of the original patent, and not depicted in the drawing," does not answer the essential inquiry under the "original patent" clause of § 251, which is whether one skilled in the art, reading the specification, would identify the subject matter of the new claims as invented and disclosed by the patentees. In short, the absence of an "intent," even if objectively evident from the earlier claims, the drawings, or the original objects of the invention is simply not enough to establish that the new claims are not drawn to the invention disclosed in the original patent.

953 F.2d at 618-19, 21 USPQ2d at 1275. Claims presented in a reissue application are considered to satisfy the requirement of 35 U.S.C. 251 that the claims be "for the invention disclosed in the original patent" where:

(A) the claims presented in the reissue application are described in the original patent specification and enabled by the original patent specification such that 35 U.S.C. 112 first paragraph is satisfied; and

(B) nothing in the original patent specification indicates an intent not to claim the subject matter of the claims presented in the reissue application.

(MPEP 1412.01, Emphasis Added)

The claims of the present reissue application are clearly described in the original patent specification for the '034 patent, and are likewise enabled by the original patent specification for the '034 patent, such that 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, is satisfied.

Further, there is nothing in the original patent specification for the '034 patent which indicates an intent not to claim the subject matter of the claims of the present reissue application.

In short, the Applicants do not believe that a limitation from the issued independent claims of the '034 patent is required within the independent claims of the present reissue application in order to satisfy the "original invention" requirement.

3. Response to § 112 Rejection

Claim 17 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicants regard as the invention.

The Examiner is thanked for identifying this error in the dependency of claim 17. The Applicants have amended claim 17 to be dependent upon claim 10, as correctly assumed by the Examiner.

4. Response to § 103 Rejections

The Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections for the reasons set out below, and ask the Examiner for reconsideration. The Applicants have further also slightly amended the claims to define clearly the intended import of the claims.

To establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness, three basic criteria must be met. First, there must be some suggestion or motivation, either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art, to modify the reference or to combine reference teachings. Second, there must be a reasonable expectation of success. Finally, the prior art reference (or references when combined) must teach or suggest all the claim limitations. The teaching or suggestion to make the

claimed combination and the reasonable expectation of success must both be found in the prior art, and not based on applicant's disclosure. In re Vaeck, 947 F.2d 488, 20 USPQ2d 1438 (Fed. Cir. 1991).

THE PRIOR ART REFERENCES DO NOT TEACH OR SUGGEST ALL CLAIM LIMITATIONS, WHEN CONSIDERED SINGULARLY OR IN COMBINATION.

Taking claim 10 of the present reissue application as an exemplary claim for discussion purposes, the Office Action contends that "Florin does not explicitly disclose:

order the item by a single action with the client; and

wherein the enabling of the user to order the item by a single action includes 1) previously stored user related personal information that is stored in a memory associated with the client for repeated use in enabling further orders for further items to be placed and so that it is not necessary to solicit the user related personal information each time a further order is placed and 2) previously received information related to the item being offered for sale at the time of the single action." (Office Action, page 6-7)

The Office Action then goes on to state that Schlaflly discloses ordering of the item by a single action with the user, and points to the disclosures in Schlaflly, quoted immediately below, in support of this position:

Once the item has been specified it can be reviewed and modified or it can be stored in a send memory at 92 and later caused to be sent at 94 by automatic dialing of the local processor center 14. Once communication has been established, the entire content of the send memory is transmitted in a burst by

actuation of an internal modem (modulator/demodulator) 96 and the local center commences processing at 98. The send data is initially checked at 98 for verification of some of the data and a return is transmitted the data terminal at 100. The connection is then broken by the LPC and at 102 and the terminal goes "on hook". The message represented by the return is displayed at 104.

(Schlaflly, column 7, lines 35-47).

However, immediately preceding the above-quoted disclosure in Schlaflly, the below disclosure is provided regarding actions that are required by a user:

Operation of a data terminal 12 in the case of ordering of merchandise from various mail order suppliers is illustrated with FIGS. 3-6. FIG. 4 shows a portion 80 of a page from a Sears catalog. FIG. 5 illustrates a portion 82 of a J.C. Penney Catalog page.

As an example of a catalog order data entry, at 84 in FIG. 3 and after turn on, the user's individual subscriber secret personal authorization number, a four digit number for example, promptly by a word display, is entered. This is followed by sequentially occurring prompts, which permit entry of additional order key actuations in accordance with suitable accompanying operating instructions.

The first set of prompts at 86 calls for the entry of a code specifying the supplier by its catalog and a page number. The second set of prompts at 88 requires specification of the nature of the transaction, e.g. catalog number and special charge and shipping instructions if required. The third set of prompts at 90

requires entry of the quantity and options such as color and size when these are needed to properly specify the desired item.

(Schlafly, column 7, lines 13-34).

Clearly, the ordering of an item, as disclosed in Schlafly, requires more than a single action with respect to the client. Specifically, to perform a catalogue order utilizing the system and methodology disclosed in Schlafly, a user is required to provide an individual subscriber secret personal authorization number, which is followed by sequentially occurring prompts responsive to which the user enters a code specifying a supplier by a catalogue and page number, the nature of the transaction, and the quantity and options pertaining to the relevant order.

In short, Schlafly simply does not disclose placing an order for an item by a single action with respect to a client, but instead clearly discloses a sequence of actions. Schlafly is accordingly cumulative with the disclosures provided in Florin.

Claim 1, as indicated above, has also been amended to include a limitation corresponding substantially to limitations of claims 25 and 26, claim 26 now having been cancelled. Specifically, claim 10 now recites the receiving of data at the client, the data including information to at least one of show and describe the item via the client, and an item identifier to enable the client to identify the item as currently being offered for sale. Claim 10 has also now been amended to recite that the enabling of the user to place the order for the item via the single action includes utilizing the received item identifier.

The above remarks also address the further rejections presented under 35 U.S.C. §103 against the other claims of the present reissue application. Specifically, the further independent claims each include limitations corresponding approximately to those of claim 10. The dependent claims are deemed to include all limitations of claims from which they depend, and the above remarks similarly address the rejections presented under 35 U.S.C. §103 against these dependent claims.

In light of the above, the Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103 have been overcome, and withdrawal of these rejections is therefore respectfully requested.

5. Conclusion

Having tendered the above remarks, and amended the claims as indicated herein, the Applicants respectfully submit that all rejections have been addressed and that the claims are now in a condition for allowance, which is earnestly solicited.

If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666. If a telephone interview would in any way expedite the prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact André Marais at (408) 947-8200 ext. 204.

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed November 20, 2002,
Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the following amendments
and to consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

VERSION OF CLAIMS WITH MARKINGS

Please cancel claims 12, 30, 40, 60, and 278-281, without prejudice.

10. (Amended) A method of facilitating ordering an item using a distributed computing system including at least one client and at least one server, the method including:

at least one of showing and describing an item to a user via the client; enabling the user to order the item by a single [interaction] action with respect to the client, the single action being in connection with the order; and in response to the single [interaction] action with respect to the client, causing an order for the item to be placed[.]

wherein the enabling of the user to order the item by the single action includes using (1) previously stored, user related personal information that is stored in a memory associated with the client for repeated use in enabling further orders for further items to be placed and so that it is not necessary to solicit the user related, personal information each time a further order is placed and (2) previously received information related to the item being offered for sale at the time of the single action.

11. (Amended) The method of claim 10, wherein the single [interaction] action is one of a group including:

selecting of a single button; and
pressing of a single button on a TV remote control.

12. (Canceled) The method of claim 10, wherein causing the order to be placed is achieved by using:

information related to the item; and

user related personal information.

13. (Amended) The method of claim [12] 10, wherein the user related, personal information includes at least one of a group including a user's name, address, method of payment and payment account number.

14. (Amended) The method of claim [12] 10, wherein the user related, personal information is stored in memory in the client.

15. (Unamended) The method of claim 10, wherein the distributed computing system is an interactive television system and wherein the at least one of showing and describing of the item is, at least in part, by a television signal.

16. (Unamended) The method of claim 10, wherein the client includes an auxiliary data processor and a client computer.

17. (Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein the client is associated with at least a set top box, and wherein the user related, personal information is stored at the set top box.

18. (Unamended) The method of claim 17, wherein the set top box is in communication with a local computer and associated storage and wherein the method further includes:

the client retrieving information from one or more of the local computer and the associated storage.

19. (Unamended) The method of claim 18, wherein the method further includes:

controlling the client by means of the local computer.

20. (Unamended) The method of claim 18, wherein the local computer is part of a local area network.

21. (Unamended) The method of claim 10, wherein the system further includes a central processing facility in communication with the server and wherein the method includes:

sending information used in processing the order from the client to the central processing facility.

22. (Unamended) The method of claim 10, further including:

sending an order confirmation to the user to confirm the order.

23. (Unamended) The method of claim 21, further including:

communicating information between the client and the server via the central processing facility.

25. (Unamended) The method of claim 23, wherein a telephone system acts as the central processing facility.

25. (Amended) The method of claim 10 including receiving at the client data including:

(c) information to at least one of show and describe the item via the client; and

(d) information to enable the user to order the item by the single [interaction] action with respect to the client.

26. (Unamended) The method of claim 25 wherein the data further includes an item identifier to identify the item.

27. (Unamended) The method of claim 26 wherein the item identifier includes at least one of a group of identifiers including a code and a command.

28. (Amended) A method of facilitating ordering an item, the method including:

providing a client with information to at least one of show and describe an item to a user; and

enabling the user to order the item by a single [interaction] action with respect to the client[.] the single action being in connection with the order, wherein the enabling of the user to order the item by the single action includes using (1) previously stored, user related, personal information that is stored in a memory for repeated use in enabling further orders for further items to be placed and so that it is not necessary to solicit the user related, personal information each time a further order is placed, and (2) previously provided item information related to the item that is being offered for sale at the time of the single action.

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29. (Amended) The method of claim 28, wherein the single [interaction] action includes at least one of a group including:
selecting of a single button; and
pressing of a single button on a TV remote control.

30. (Canceled) The method of claim 28, including receiving the order from the client, the order including:
information related to the item; and
user related personal information.

31. (Amended) The method of claim [30] 28, wherein the user related personal information includes at least one of a group including a user's name, address, method of payment and payment account number.

32. (Amended) The method of claim [30] 28, including retrieving the user related personal information from a memory associated with the client.

33. (Amended) The method of claim 28, including providing the information to at least one of show and describe the item in the form of a television signal.

34. (Unamended) The method of claim 28 including communicating with a central processing facility and wherein the client sends the order to the central processing facility for receipt via a transceiver.

35. (Unamended) The method of claim 34 wherein a telephone system acts as the central processing facility.

36. (Unamended) The method of claim 28 including providing an order confirmation to the client to confirm the order.

37. (Amended) The method of claim [248] 28 including multiplexing the provision of the information to at least one of show and describe the item and [the] code to the client to thereby generate data for transmission to the client.

38. (Amended) A computer system to order an item, the system including:
a data processing system to at least one of show and describe an item to a user; and

a client to enable the user to order the item by a single [interaction] action with respect to the client and, in response to the single [interaction] action, to cause an order for the item to be placed[.]

wherein the client is to enable the user to order the item by the single action using (1) previously stored, user related, personal information that is stored in a memory for repeated use in enabling further orders for further items to be placed and so that it is not necessary to solicit the user related, personal information each time a further order is placed and (2) previously received information related to the item that is being offered for sale at the time of the single action.

39. (Amended) The system of claim 38, wherein the single [interaction] action includes at least one of a group including:

selecting of a single button; and
pressing of a single button on a TV remote control.

40. (Canceled) The system of claim 38, wherein the client is to place the order using:

information related to the item; and
user related personal information.

41. (Amended) The system of claim [40] 38, wherein the user related, personal information includes at least one of a group including a user's name, address, method of payment and payment account number.

42. (Amended) The system of claim [40] 38, wherein the user related, personal information is stored in memory of the client.

43. (Amended) The system of claim 38, wherein the [distributed computing]
computer system is an interactive television system and wherein the at least one of showing and describing of the item by the data processing system is, at least in part, performed utilizing a television signal.

45. (Amended) The system of claim 38, wherein the client is associated with at least a set top box, and wherein the user related, personal information is stored at the set top box.

46. (Unamended) The system of claim 45, wherein the set top box is in communication with a local computer and associated storage and wherein the client is to retrieve information from one or more of the local computer and the associated storage.

47. (Unamended) The system of claim 46, wherein the local computer controls the client.

48. (Unamended) The system of claim 46, wherein the local computer is part of a local area network.

49. (Unamended) The system of claim 38, including a central processing facility in communication with a server and wherein the client sends information used in processing to the central processing facility.

50. (Unamended) The system of claim 49 wherein the server is to send an order confirmation to the user to confirm the order.

51. (Unamended) The system of claim 49, wherein the central processing facility is to communicate information between the client and the server.

52. (Unamended) The system of claim 51 wherein a telephone system acts as the central processing facility.

53. (Amended) The system of claim 38 including a data receiver to receive data including:

information to at least one of show and describe the item via the client;
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information to enable the user to order the item by [a] the single
[interaction] action with respect to the client.

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54. (Amended) The system of claim 53 wherein the data receiver includes an auxiliary data extractor to extract the information to at least one of show and describe from the data and a packet data extractor to extract the information to enable from the data.

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55. (Amended) The system of claim 54 wherein the auxiliary data extractor provides the information to at least one of show and describe to the data processing system and the packet data extractor provides the information to enable to the client.

56. (Unamended) The system of claim 53 wherein the data further includes an item identifier to identify the item.

57. (Unamended) The system of claim 56 wherein the item identifier includes at least one a group of identifiers including a code and a command.

58. (Amended) A computer system to facilitate ordering an item, the system including:

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a data source to provide a client with first information to at least one of show and describe an item to a user; and

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an information source to provide the client with second information to enable the user to order the item by a single [interaction] action with respect to the client[.]

wherein the client is to enable the user to order the item by the single action using (1) previously stored, user related, personal information that is stored in a memory for repeated use in enabling further orders for further items to be placed and so that it is not necessary to solicit the user related, personal

information each time a further order is placed and (2) previously received information related to the item that is being offered for sale at the time of the single action.

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59. (Amended) The system of claim 58, wherein the single [interaction] action includes at least one of a group including:
a selecting of a single button; and
a pressing of a single button on a TV remote control.

60. (Canceled) The system of claim 58, including a data receiver to receive the order from the client, the order including:
information related to the item; and
user related personal information.

61. (Amended) The system of claim [60] 58, wherein the user related, personal information includes at least one of a group including a user's name, address, method of payment and payment account number.

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62. (Amended) The system of claim [60] 58, wherein the [code is] second information includes code executable by the client to retrieve the user related, personal information from a memory associated with the client.

63. (Unamended) The system of claim 58, wherein the data source is to provide the information in the form of a television signal.

64. (Unamended) The system of claim 58 including a data transceiver to communicate with a central processing facility and wherein the client sends the order to the central processing facility for receipt via the data transceiver.

65. (Unamended) The system of claim 64 wherein a telephone system acts as the central processing facility.

66. (Unamended) The system of claim 58 wherein the data source is to provide an order confirmation to the client to confirm the order.

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67. (Amended) The system of claim 58 including a multiplexer to multiplex the provision of the first information to at least one of show and describe and the second information to enable to the client to thereby generate data for transmission to the client.

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246. (Amended) The method of claim 25 wherein the information to enable includes code executable by the client to enable the user to order the item by the single [interaction] action with the client.

247. (Amended) The method of claim 25 wherein the information to enable includes data to be processed by code executable by the client to enable the user to order the item by the single [interaction] action with the client.

248. (Unamended) The method of claim 28 wherein the enabling includes providing code to enable the user to order the item.

249. (Unamended) The method of claim 28 wherein the enabling includes providing data to be processed by code to enable the user to order the item.

250. (Unamended) The system of claim 53 wherein the information to enable includes code to enable the user to order the item.

251. (Unamended) The system of claim 53 wherein the information to enable includes data to be processed by code to enable the user to order the item.

252. (Amended) The system of claim 58 wherein the second information to enable includes code to be executed by the client to enable the user to order the item.

253. (Amended) The system of claim 58 wherein the information to enable includes data to be processed by code to enable the user to order the item.

260. (Amended) A machine-readable medium embodying a sequence of instructions that, when executed by a machine, cause the machine to facilitate [facilitating] ordering an item within a distributed computing system including at least one client and at least one server by:

at least one of showing and describing an item to a user via the client; enabling the user to order the item by a single [interaction] action with respect to the client the single action being in connection with the order; and], in response to the single [interaction] action with respect to the client, causing an order for the item to be placed[.]

wherein the enabling of the user to order the item by the single action includes using (1) previously stored, user related, personal information that is

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stored in a memory associated with the client for repeated use in enabling further orders for further items to be placed and so that it is not necessary to solicit the user related, personal information each time a further order is placed and (2) previously received information related to the item that is being offered for sale at the time of the single action.

261. (Unamended) The machine-readable medium of claim 260, wherein the medium includes a data stream.

262. (Unamended) The machine-readable medium of claim 260, wherein the medium includes a mass storage device.

263. (Amended) A machine-readable medium embodying a sequence of instructions that, when executed by a machine, cause the machine to facilitate [facilitating] ordering an item by:

providing a client with information to at least one of show and describe an item to a user; and

enabling the user to order the item by a single [interaction] action with respect to the client[.], the single action being in connection with the order,

wherein the enabling of the user to order the item by the single action includes using (1) previously stored, user related, personal information that is stored in a memory for repeated use in enabling further orders for further items to be placed and so that it is not necessary to solicit the user related, personal information each time a further order is placed, and (2) previously provided item information related to the item that is being offered for sale at the time of the single action.

278. (Canceled) A method of facilitating ordering using a distributed computing system including at least one client and at least one server, the method including:

at least one of showing and describing an offering to a user via the client; enabling the user to order the offering by a single interaction with the client; and

in response to the single interaction with the client causing an order related to the offering to be placed.

279. (Canceled) A method including:

providing a client with information to at least one of show and describe an offering to a user; and

enabling the user to order the offering by a single interaction with the client.

280. (Canceled) A computer system including:

a data processing system to at least one of show and describe an offering to a user; and

a client to enable the user to order the item by a single interaction with the client and, in response to the single interaction, to cause an order for the offering to be placed.

281. (Canceled) A computer system including:

a data source to provide a client with information to at least one of show and describe an offering to a user; and

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an information source to provide the client with information to enable the user to order the offering by a single interaction with the client.

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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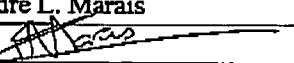
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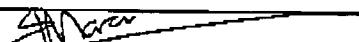
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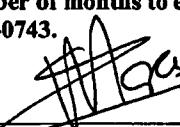
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

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This responds to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on February 14, 2005.

In compliance with 37 CFR 1.173(b), applicants submit the following corrected "IN THE CLAIMS" section from Applicants' previously-submitted Amendment and Response filed December 15, 2003. Only the claims currently being amended are submitted with this response.

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a 2-month extension of the period for responding to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, thereby moving the deadline for response from March 14, 2005 to April 14, 2005.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

10. (Twice Amended) A method of facilitating ordering an item using a distributed computing system including at least one client and at least one server, the method including:

receiving data, at the client, the data including information to at least one of show and describe the item via the client and an item identifier to enable the client to identify the item as currently being offered for sale;

at least one of showing and describing [an] the item to a user via the client

enabling the user to place an order for the item by a single action with respect to the client while the item is being offered for sale, the single action being in connection with the order; and

in response to the single action with respect to the client, causing [an] the order for the item to be placed,

wherein the enabling of the user to place the order for the item by the single action includes using (1) previously stored, user related personal information that is stored in a memory associated with the client for repeated use in enabling further orders for further items to be placed and so that it is not necessary to solicit the user related, personal information each time a further order is placed and (2) [previously received information related to] the item identifier to enable the client to identify the item as currently being offered for sale at the time of the single action.

17. (Twice Amended) The method of claim [12] 10, wherein the client is associated with at least a set top box, and wherein the user related, personal information is stored at the set top box.

25. (Amended) The method of claim 10 including receiving at the client data including
[(a) information to at least one of show and describe the item via the client; and]
[(b)] information to enable the user to order the item by the single action with respect
to the client.

27. (Amended) The method of claim [26] 10 wherein the item identifier includes at least one
of a group of identifiers including a code and a command.

28. (Twice Amended) A method of facilitating ordering an item, the method including:
providing a client with information to at least one of show and describe an item to
a user, and with an item identifier to identify the item as currently being offered for sale;
and
enabling the user to place an order for the item by a single action with respect to
the client, the single action being in connection with the order,

wherein the enabling of the user to place the order for the item by the single action
includes using (1) previously stored, user related, personal information that is stored in a memory
for repeated use in enabling further orders for further items to be placed and so that it is not
necessary to solicit the user related, personal information each time a further order is placed, and
(2) [previously provided item information related to] the item identifier information to identify
the item [that is] as currently being offered for sale at the time of the single action.

29. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 28, wherein the single action includes [a] at least
one of a group including:
selecting of a single button; and
pressing of a single button on a TV remote control.

38. (Twice Amended) A computer system to order an item, the system including:

a data receiver to receive data including information to at least one of show and describe the item, and an item identifier to identify the item as currently being offered for sale;

a data processing system to at least one of show and describe an item to a user; and

a client to enable the user to place an order for the item by a single action with respect to the client while the item is being offered for sale and, in response to the single action, to cause [an] the order for the item to be placed,

wherein the client is to enable the user to place the order for the item by the single action using (1) previously stored, user related, personal information that is stored in a memory for repeated use in enabling further orders for further items to be placed and so that it is not necessary to solicit the user related, personal information each time a further order is placed and (2) [previously received information related to] the item identifier identifying the item [that is] as currently being offered for sale at the time of the single action.

57. (Amended) The system of claim [56] 38 wherein the item identifier includes at least one a group of identifiers including a code and a command.

58. (Twice Amended) A computer system to facilitate ordering an item, the system including:

a data source to provide a client with first information to at least one of show and describe an item to a user, and third information to identify the item as currently being offered for sale; and

an information source to provide the client with second information to enable the user to place an order for the item by a single action with respect to the client,

wherein the client is to enable the user to place the order for the item, while being offered for sale, by the single action using (1) previously stored, user related, personal information that is stored in a memory for repeated use in enabling further orders for further items to be placed and so that it is not necessary to solicit the user related, personal information each time a further

order is placed and (2) [previously received information related to] the third information identifying the item [that is] as currently being offered for sale at the time of the single action.

260. (Twice Amended) A machine-readable medium embodying a sequence of instructions that, when executed by a machine, cause the machine to facilitate ordering an item within a distributed computing system including at least one client and at least one server by:

receiving data, at the client, the data including information to at least one of show and describe the item via the client and an item identifier to enable the client to identify the item as currently being offered for sale;

at least one of showing and describing [an] the item to a user via the client; enabling the user to place an order for the item by a single action with respect to the client while the item is being offered for sale, the single action being in connection with the order,

in response to the single action with respect to the client, causing [an] the order for the item to be placed,

wherein the enabling of the user to order the item by the single action includes using (1) previously stored, user related, personal information that is stored in a memory associated with the client for repeated use in enabling further orders for further items to be placed and so that it is not necessary to solicit the user related, personal information each time a further order is placed and (2) [previously received information related to] the item identifier to enable the client to identify the item [that is] as currently being offered for sale at the time of the single action.

263. (Twice Amended) A machine-readable medium embodying a sequence of instructions that, when executed by a machine, cause the machine to facilitate ordering an item by:

providing a client with information to at least one of show and describe an item to a user, and with an item identifier to identify the item as currently being offered for sale; and

enabling the user to place an order for the item by a single action with respect to the client, the single action being in connection with the order,

wherein the enabling of the user to place the order for the item by the single action includes using (1) previously stored, user related, personal information that is stored in a memory for repeated use in enabling further orders for further items to be placed and so that it is not necessary to solicit the user related, personal information each time a further order is placed, and (2) [previously provided item information related to] the item identifier information to identify the item [that is] as currently being offered for sale at the time of the single action.

CONCLUSION

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.173(b), only the non-compliant section of Applicants' previously-submitted Amendment and Response has been included in this response.

Claims 10, 17, 25, 27-29, 38, 53, 57-58, 260 and 263 are currently amended. Claims 1-9, 12, 26, 30, 40, 44, 56, 60, 68-245, 254-259 and 264-357 were previously canceled and no new claims are being added; as a result, claims 10-11, 13-25, 27-29, 31-39, 41-43, 45-55, 57-59, 61-67, 246-253 and 260-263 are pending in this application.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the non-compliant status and examine the claims as appropriate.

The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney at 408-333-9972 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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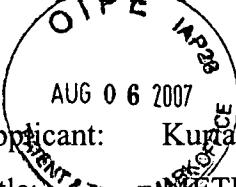

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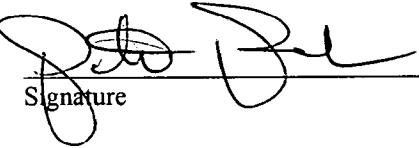
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This responds to the Office Action mailed on May 3, 2007. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 10, 21-22, 27, 33, 38, 63, and 260 as follows:

10. (Thrice Amended) A method of facilitating ordering an item using a distributed computing system including at least one client and at least one server, the method including:

receiving, via a data stream from the server, item data[, at the client], the item data including information to at least one of show and describe the item via the client and an item identifier [to enable the client] to identify the item as currently being offered for sale;

presenting [at least one of showing and describing] at least a portion of the item data to a user [via the client];

receiving a control event associated with a single action effectuated by the user in response to the presenting of the at least a portion of the item data;

responding to the single action by:

retrieving personal information of the user from a permanent memory in the client, and

combining the item data previously received via the data stream from the server with the personal information of the user previously stored in the permanent memory in the client to generate an order for the item, and

transmitting the order for the item from the client.

[enabling the user to place an order for the item by a single action with respect to the client while the item is being offered for sale, the single action being in connection with the order; and

in response to the single action with respect to the client, causing the order for the item to be placed,

wherein the enabling of the user to place the order for the item by the single action includes using (1) previously stored, user related personal information that is stored in a memory

associated with the client for repeated use in enabling further orders for further items to be placed and so that it is not necessary to solicit the user related, personal information each time a further order is placed and (2) the item identifier to enable the client to identify the item as currently being offered for sale at the time of the single action.]

21. (Amended) The method of claim 10, wherein the distributed computer system further includes a central processing facility in communication with the server and wherein the method includes:

sending information used in processing the order from the client to the central processing facility.

22. (Amended) The method of claim 10, further including:

[sending] receiving an order confirmation at the client [to the user to confirm the order].

27. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 10 wherein the item [identifier] data includes at least one of a group of identifiers including a code and a command.

33. (Amended) The method of claim [28] 10, wherein the receiving of the item data via the data stream from the server, comprises receiving the item data via [data including providing the information to at least one of show and describe the item in the form of] a television signal.

38. (Thrice Amended) A computer system to order an item, the system including:

a data receiver to receive, via a data stream from a server, item data, the item data including information to at least one of show and describe the item, and an item identifier to identify the item as currently being offered for sale;

a data processing system to present at least a portion of the item data [one of show and describe an item] to a user;

an event detector to detect a control event associated with a single action
effectuated by the user in response to the presenting of the at least a portion of the item data; and

an event processing module to respond to the single action by:
retrieving personal information of the user from a permanent memory in the
client, and
combining the item data previously received via the data stream from the server
with the personal information of the user previously stored in the permanent memory in the
client to generate an order for the item, and

transmitting the order for the item from the client.

[a client to enable the user to place an order for the item by a single action with respect to the client while the item is being offered for sale and, in response to the single action, to cause the order for the item to be placed,
wherein the client is to enable the user to place the order for the item by the single action using (1) previously stored, user related, personal information that is stored in a memory for repeated use in enabling further orders for further items to be placed and so that it is not necessary to solicit the user related, personal information each time a further order is placed and (2) the item identifier identifying the item as currently being offered for sale at the time of the single action.]

63. (Amended) The system of claim [58] 38, wherein the data stream [source] is [to provide the information] in the form of a television signal.

260. (Thrice Amended) A machine-readable medium embodying a sequence of instructions that, when executed by a machine, cause the machine to facilitate ordering an item within a distributed computing system including at least one client and at least one server by:

receiving, from a server, item data, the item data[, at the client, the data] including information to at least one of show and describe the item via the client and an item identifier to enable the client to identify the item as currently being offered for sale;
presenting at least a portion of the item data [one of show and describe an item to a user via the client];

receiving a control event associated with a single action effectuated by the user in response to the presenting of the at least a portion of the item data; and

responding to the single action by:
retrieving personal information of the user from a permanent memory in the
client, and

combining the item data previously received from the server with the personal
information of the user previously stored in the permanent memory in the client to generate an
order for the item, and

transmitting the order for the item from the client.

[enabling the user to place an order for the item by a single action with respect to
the client while the item is being offered for sale, the single action being in connection
with the order,

in response to the single action with respect to the client, causing the order for the
item to be placed,

wherein the enabling of the user to order the item by the single action includes using (1)
previously stored, user related, personal information that is stored in a memory associated with
the client for repeated use in enabling further orders for further items to be placed and so that it is
not necessary to solicit the user related, personal information each time a further order is placed
and (2) the item identifier to enable the client to identify the item as currently being offered for
sale at the time of the single action.]

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action mailed on May 3, 2007.

Claims 10, 21-22, 27, 33, 38, 63, and 260 are amended, claims 25, 28-29, 31-32, 34-37, 58-59, 61-62, 64-67, 246-253 are currently canceled, claims 1-9, 12, 26, 30, 40, 44, 56, 60, 68-245, 254-259 and 264-357 were previously canceled, and no claims are added; as a result, claims 10-11, 13-24, 27, 33, 38-39, 41-43, 45-55, 57, 63, 260-262 are now pending in this application.

§251 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 10-11, 13-25, 27-29, 31-39, 41-43, 45-55, 57-59, 61-67, 246-253, 260-263 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 251 as being based upon new matter. A rejection under 35 U.S.C. §251 is appropriate "If new subject matter is added to the disclosure, whether it be in the abstract, the specification, or the drawings," as stated in MPEP 2163.06. It is submitted that no new matter was introduced in the abstract, the specification, or the drawings and therefore the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 251 is not proper. It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

§112 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 10,11,13-25,27-29,31-39,41-43,45-55,57-59,61-67,246-253,260-263 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as omitting essential elements/critical features because they do not recite information stored in a permanent memory in the client computer. Each of the remaining independent claims, claims 10, 38, and 260, have been amended to recite "personal information of the user previously stored in the permanent memory in the client." It is submitted that the rejection have been overcome and it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn

Claims 10, 12, 15-16, 21-25, 28, 33-36, 38, 40, 43, 50-54, 58, 60, 63-66, 260, and 262-263 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Florin et al. (U.S. 5,621,456) in view of Schlaflfy (U.S. 4,734,858).

§103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 10, 12, 15-16, 21-25, 28, 33-36, 38, 40, 43, 50-54, 58, 60, 63-66, 260, and 262-263 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Florin et al. (U.S. 5,621,456) in view of Schlaflay (U.S. 4,734,858).

The Office action correctly states that Florin fails to disclose or suggest enabling the user to place an order for the item by a single action. The Office action cites Schlaflay to show this feature.

Schlaflay discloses a pocket size data terminal that is used by the consumer to initially select and store data representative of the orders. (Schlaflay, Abstract.) When later connected to a phone line the terminal can be commanded to automatically dial and transmit the stored data in a short burst over a telephone link to a local processing center for processing including customer verification, data format and credit verification, order placement and supplier contact. Each terminal is assigned an internal identification number and a specific local processing center which the terminal can automatically access. (Schlaflay, 1: 44-57.) As explained above, the consumer must to initially select and store data representative of the orders. Specifically, Schlaflay discloses an ORDER key to store the order data collected from the customer in the send memory. (Schlaflay, 9: 12-21.) In order to actually send the order, Schlaflin utilizes a send instruction implemented by the ENTER key. (Schlaflay, 10: 3-10.) While Schlaflay discloses sending the order data to an appropriate destination by actuating the ENTER key, it takes more than a single action on the part of a user to select an item, enter the order-related information, such as the quantity and the supplier (Schlaflay, 7: 26-34), save the order data and, finally, transmit the order.

In contrast, claim 10, as amended, recites "receiving a control event associated with a single action effectuated by the user in response to the presenting of the at least a portion of the item data" and "responding to the single action by ... retrieving personal information of the user from a permanent memory in the client, combining the item data previously received via the data stream from the server with the personal information of the user previously stored in the permanent memory in the client to generate an order for the item, and transmitting the order for the item from the client." Because, Schlaflay, whether considered separately or in combination with Florin, does not disclose or suggest responding to a single action by a user by performing

operations that together make it possible to place an order (specifically, a combination of "retrieving personal information of the user from a permanent memory in the client, combining the item data previously received via the data stream from the server with the personal information of the user previously stored in the permanent memory in the client to generate an order for the item, and transmitting the order for the item from the client," as recited in claim 10 as amended), claim 10 and its dependent claims are patentable in view of the Schlaflfy and Florin combination and should be allowed.

Claim 38, as amended, recites "an event detector to detect a control event associated with a single action effectuated by the user in response to the presenting of the at least a portion of the item data" and "an event processing module to respond to the single action by ... retrieving personal information of the user from a permanent memory in the client, combining the item data previously received via the data stream from the server with the personal information of the user previously stored in the permanent memory in the client to generate an order for the item, and transmitting the order for the item from the client." Because, as discussed above with reference to claim 10, Schlaflfy, whether considered separately or in combination with Florin, does not disclose or suggest these features, claim 38 and its dependent claims are patentable in view of the Schlaflfy and Florin combination and should be allowed at least for the reasons articulated with respect to claim 10.

Claim 260, as amended, recites "an event detector to detect a control event associated with a single action effectuated by the user in response to the presenting of the at least a portion of the item data" and "an event processing module to respond to the single action by ... retrieving personal information of the user from a permanent memory in the client, combining the item data previously received via the data stream from the server with the personal information of the user previously stored in the permanent memory in the client to generate an order for the item, and transmitting the order for the item from the client." Because, as discussed above with reference to claim 10, Schlaflfy, whether considered separately or in combination with Florin, does not disclose or suggest these features, claim 260 is patentable in view of the Schlaflfy and Florin combination and should be allowed at least for the reasons articulated with respect to claim 10.

Claims 11, 29, 39 and 59 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Florin et al. and Schlaflfy as applied to claims 10, 28, 38 and 58 above, and further in view

of Zachary et al. ("Technology: HP is building Gadget to Make TVs Interactive"). Claims 11 and

Claim 11 recites "receiving a control event associated with a single action effectuated by the user in response to the presenting of the at least a portion of the item data" and "responding to the single action by ... retrieving personal information of the user from a permanent memory in the client, combining the item data previously received via the data stream from the server with the personal information of the user previously stored in the permanent memory in the client to generate an order for the item, and transmitting the order for the item from the client," by virtue of its being dependent on claim 10. As discussed above with reference to claim 10, Schlaflfy, whether considered separately or in combination with Florin, does not disclose or suggest these features. Zachary is directed at shopping on the interactive TV system (Zachary, Abstract) and also fails to disclose or suggest these features, whether considered separately or in combination with Florin and Schlaflfy. Thus, claim 11 is patentable in view of the Schlaflfy, Florin, and Zachary combination and should be allowed.

Claim 39 recites "an event detector to detect a control event associated with a single action effectuated by the user in response to the presenting of the at least a portion of the item data" and "an event processing module to respond to the single action by ... retrieving personal information of the user from a permanent memory in the client, combining the item data previously received via the data stream from the server with the personal information of the user previously stored in the permanent memory in the client to generate an order for the item, and transmitting the order for the item from the client," by virtue of its being dependent on claim 38. As discussed above with reference to claim 38, Schlaflfy, whether considered separately or in combination with Florin, does not disclose or suggest these features. As stated above, Zachary also fails to disclose or suggest these features, whether considered separately or in combination with Florin and Schlaflfy. Thus, claim 39 is patentable in view of the Schlaflfy, Florin, and Zachary combination and should be allowed.

Claims 29 and 59 were cancelled.

Claims 13-14, 17, 31-32, 41-42, 45 and 61-62 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Florin et al. and Schlaflfy in view of Pires (U.S. 4,163,255).

Claims 3-14, and 17 recite "receiving a control event associated with a single action effectuated by the user in response to the presenting of the at least a portion of the item data" and "responding to the single action by ... retrieving personal information of the user from a permanent memory in the client, combining the item data previously received via the data stream from the server with the personal information of the user previously stored in the permanent memory in the client to generate an order for the item, and transmitting the order for the item from the client," by virtue of their being dependent on claim 10. As discussed above with reference to claim 10, Schlaflfy, whether considered separately or in combination with Florin, does not disclose or suggest these features. Pires is directed at a billing method for a subscriber of a pay television system (Pires, Abstract) and also fails to disclose or suggest these features, whether considered separately or in combination with Florin and Schlaflfy. Thus, claims 3-14, and 17 are patentable in view of the Schlaflfy, Florin, and Pires combination and should be allowed.

Claims 41-42, and 45 recite "an event detector to detect a control event associated with a single action effectuated by the user in response to the presenting of the at least a portion of the item data" and "an event processing module to respond to the single action by ... retrieving personal information of the user from a permanent memory in the client, combining the item data previously received via the data stream from the server with the personal information of the user previously stored in the permanent memory in the client to generate an order for the item, and transmitting the order for the item from the client," by virtue of their being dependent on claim 38. As discussed above with reference to claim 38, Schlaflfy, whether considered separately or in combination with Florin, does not disclose or suggest these features. As stated above, Pires also fails to disclose or suggest these features, whether considered separately or in combination with Florin and Schlaflfy. Thus, claims 41-42, and 45 are patentable in view of the Schlaflfy, Florin, and Pires combination and should be allowed.

Claims 31-32 and 61-62 were cancelled.

Claims 27, 37, 54-55, 57, 67 and 246-253 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Florin et al. and Schlaflfy in view of Harvey et al. (U.S. 4,965,825).

Claim 27 recites "receiving a control event associated with a single action effectuated by the user in response to the presenting of the at least a portion of the item data" and "responding

to the single action by ... retrieving personal information of the user from a permanent memory in the client, combining the item data previously received via the data stream from the server with the personal information of the user previously stored in the permanent memory in the client to generate an order for the item, and transmitting the order for the item from the client," by virtue of their being dependent on claim 10. As discussed above with reference to claim 10, Schlaflfy, whether considered separately or in combination with Florin, does not disclose or suggest these features. Harvey discloses unified system of programming communication for use on individual computer systems with capacity for generating relevant user specific information simultaneously at each station of a plurality of subscriber stations (Harvey, Abstract) and also fails to disclose or suggest these features, whether considered separately or in combination with Florin and Schlaflfy. Thus, claim 27 is patentable in view of the Schlaflfy, Florin, and Harvey combination and should be allowed.

Claims 54-55 and 57 recite "an event detector to detect a control event associated with a single action effectuated by the user in response to the presenting of the at least a portion of the item data" and "an event processing module to respond to the single action by ... retrieving personal information of the user from a permanent memory in the client, combining the item data previously received via the data stream from the server with the personal information of the user previously stored in the permanent memory in the client to generate an order for the item, and transmitting the order for the item from the client," by virtue of their being dependent on claim 38. As discussed above with reference to claim 38, Schlaflfy, whether considered separately or in combination with Florin, does not disclose or suggest these features. Harvey discloses unified system of programming communication for use on individual computer systems with capacity for generating relevant user specific information simultaneously at each station of a plurality of subscriber stations (Harvey, Abstract) and also fails to disclose or suggest these features, whether considered separately or in combination with Florin and Schlaflfy. Thus, claims 54-55 and 57 are patentable in view of the Schlaflfy, Florin, and Harvey combination and should be allowed.

Claims 37, 67, and 246-253 were cancelled.

Claim 261 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Florin et al. and Schlaflfy as applied to claim 260 above, and further in view of Harvey et al. Claim 261 was cancelled.

Claims 18-20 and 46-48 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Florin et al. and Schlaflay as applied to claims 10 and 38 above, and further in view of Mustafa et al. (U.S. 4,789,895).

Claims 18-20 recite "receiving a control event associated with a single action effectuated by the user in response to the presenting of the at least a portion of the item data" and "responding to the single action by ... retrieving personal information of the user from a permanent memory in the client, combining the item data previously received via the data stream from the server with the personal information of the user previously stored in the permanent memory in the client to generate an order for the item, and transmitting the order for the item from the client," by virtue of their being dependent on claim 10. As discussed above with reference to claim 10, Schlaflay, whether considered separately or in combination with Florin, does not disclose or suggest these features. Mustafa is directed at a telecommunication system for synchronizing a digital bit stream sent from a central facility to a terminal on lines of television frames (Mustafa, Abstract) and also fails to disclose or suggest these features, whether considered separately or in combination with Florin and Schlaflay. Thus, claims 18-20 are patentable in view of the Schlaflay, Florin, and Mustafa combination and should be allowed.

Claims 46-48 recite "an event detector to detect a control event associated with a single action effectuated by the user in response to the presenting of the at least a portion of the item data" and "an event processing module to respond to the single action by ... retrieving personal information of the user from a permanent memory in the client, combining the item data previously received via the data stream from the server with the personal information of the user previously stored in the permanent memory in the client to generate an order for the item, and transmitting the order for the item from the client," by virtue of their being dependent on claim 38. As discussed above with reference to claim 38, Schlaflay, whether considered separately or in combination with Florin, does not disclose or suggest these features. As stated above, Mustafa also fails to disclose or suggest these features, whether considered separately or in combination with Florin and Schlaflay. Thus, claims 46-48 are patentable in view of the Schlaflay, Florin, and Mustafa combination and should be allowed.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney at 408-278-4052 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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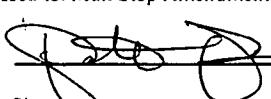
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CLAIMS

1 - 9 (Cancelled)

10. (Thrice Amended) A method of facilitating ordering an item using a distributed computing system including at least one client and at least one server, the method including:
receiving, via a data stream from the server, item data, the item data including information to at least one of show and describe the item via the client and an item identifier to identify the item as currently being offered for sale;
presenting at least a portion of the item data to a user;
receiving a control event associated with a single action effectuated by the user in response to the presenting of the at least a portion of the item data;
responding to the single action by:
retrieving personal information of the user from a permanent memory in the client, and
combining the item data previously received via the data stream from the server with the personal information of the user previously stored in the permanent memory in the client to generate an order for the item, and
transmitting the order for the item from the client.

11. (Pending) The method of claim 10, wherein the single action is one of a group including:
selecting of a single button; and
pressing of a single button on a TV remote control.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Pending) The method of claim 10, wherein the user related, personal information includes at least one of a group including a user's name, address, method of payment and payment account number.

14. (Pending) The method of claim 10, wherein the user related, personal information is stored in memory in the client.

15. (Pending) The method of claim 10, wherein the distributed computing system is an interactive television system and wherein the at least one of showing and describing of the item is, at least in part, by a television signal.

16. (Pending) The method of claim 10, wherein the client includes an auxiliary data processor and a client computer.

17. (Pending) The method of claim 10, wherein the client is associated with at least a set top box, and wherein the user related, personal information is stored at the set top box.

18. (Pending) The method of claim 17, wherein the set top box is in communication with a local computer and associated storage and wherein the method further includes:
the client retrieving information from one or more of the local computer and the associated storage.

19. (Pending) The method of claim 18, wherein the method further includes: controlling the client by means of the local computer.

20. (Pending) The method of claim 18, wherein the local computer is part of a local area network.

21. (Amended) The method of claim 10, wherein the distributed computer system further includes a central processing facility in communication with the server and wherein the method includes:

sending information used in processing the order from the client to the central processing facility.

22. (Amended) The method of claim 10, further including:
receiving an order confirmation at the client.

23. (Pending) The method of claim 21, further including:
communicating information between the client and the server via the central processing facility.

24. (Pending) The method of claim 23, wherein a telephone system acts as the central processing facility.

25-26. (Cancelled)

27. (Twice Amended) The method of claim 10 wherein the item data includes at least one of a group of identifiers including a code and a command.

28-32. (Cancelled)

33. (Amended) The method of claim 10, wherein the receiving of the item data via the data stream from the server, comprises receiving the item data via a television signal.

34-37. (Cancelled)

38. (Thrice Amended) A computer system to order an item, the system including:
a data receiver to receive, via a data stream from a server, item data, the item data including information to at least one of show and describe the item, and an item identifier to identify the item as currently being offered for sale;
a data processing system to present at least a portion of the item data to a user;
an event detector to detect a control event associated with a single action effectuated by the user in response to the presenting of the at least a portion of the item data; and

an event processing module to respond to the single action by:

retrieving personal information of the user from a permanent memory in the client, and

combining the item data previously received via the data stream from the server with the personal information of the user previously stored in the permanent memory in the client to generate an order for the item, and

transmitting the order for the item from the client.

39. (Pending) The system of claim 38, wherein the single action includes at least one of a group including:

selecting of a single button; and

pressing of a single button on a TV remote control.

40. (Canceled)

41. (Pending) The system of claim 38, wherein the user related, personal information includes at least one of a group including a user's name, address, method of payment and payment account number.

42. (Pending) The system of claim 38, wherein the user related, personal information is stored in memory of the client.

43. (Pending) The system of claim 38, wherein the computer system is an interactive television system and wherein the at least one of showing and describing of the item by the data processing system is, at least in part, performed utilizing a television signal.

44. (Canceled)

45. (Pending) The system of claim 38, wherein the client is associated with at least a set top box, and wherein the user related, personal information is stored at the set top box.

46. (Pending) The system of claim 45, wherein the set top box is in communication with a local computer and associated storage and wherein the client is to retrieve information from one or more of the local computer and the associated storage.

47. (Pending) The system of claim 46, wherein the local computer controls the client.

48. (Pending) The system of claim 46, wherein the local computer is part of a local area network.

49. (Pending) The system of claim 38, including a central processing facility in communication with a server and wherein the client sends information used in processing to the central processing facility.

50. (Pending) The system of claim 49 wherein the server is to send an order confirmation to the user to confirm the order.

51. (Pending) The system of claim 49, wherein the central processing facility is to communicate information between the client and the server.

52. (Pending) The system of claim 51 wherein a telephone system acts as the central processing facility.

53. (Pending) The system of claim 38 wherein the data receiver is to receive the data including:

information to enable the user to order the item by the single action with respect to the client.

54. (Pending) The system of claim 53 wherein the data receiver includes an auxiliary data extractor to extract the information to at least one of show and describe from the data and a

packet data extractor to extract the information to enable from the data.

55. (Pending) The system of claim 54 wherein the auxiliary data extractor provides the information to at least one of show and describe to the data processing system and the packet data extractor provides the information to enable to the client.

56. (Cancelled)

57. (Pending) The system of claim 38 wherein the item identifier includes at least one a group of identifiers including a code and a command.

58-62. (Cancelled)

63. (Amended) The system of claim 38, wherein the data stream is in the form of a television signal.

64-259. (Cancelled)

260. (Thrice Amended) A machine-readable medium embodying a sequence of instructions that, when executed by a machine, cause the machine to facilitate ordering an item within a distributed computing system including at least one client and at least one server by:

receiving, from a server, item data, the item data including information to at least one of show and describe the item via the client and an item identifier to enable the client to identify the item as currently being offered for sale;

presenting at least a portion of the item data;

receiving a control event associated with a single action effectuated by the user in response to the presenting of the at least a portion of the item data; and

responding to the single action by:

retrieving personal information of the user from a permanent memory in the client, and

combining the item data previously received from the server with the personal information of the user previously stored in the permanent memory in the client to generate an order for the item, and

transmitting the order for the item from the client.

261. (Cancelled)

262. (Pending) The machine-readable medium of claim 260, wherein the medium includes a mass storage device.

263 - 357 (Cancelled)

ALL ENCOMPASSING STATEMENT OF CLAIMS

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Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at 612-373-6900 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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OpenTV, Inc., assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to U.S. Patent No. 5,819,034, which issued on October 6, 1998 and is entitled "APPARATUS FOR TRANSMITTING AND RECEIVING EXECUTABLE APPLICATIONS AS FOR A MULTIMEDIA SYSTEM, AND METHOD AND SYSTEM TO ORDER AN ITEM USING A DISTRIBUTED COMPUTING SYSTEM" hereby consents to the filing of the above-identified reissue application.

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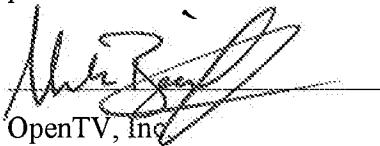
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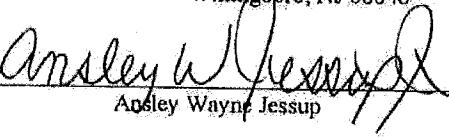
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- Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 (5 pages) is enclosed.
- Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages), Form 1449 (2 pages), and copies of cited documents (20).
- Substitute Reissue Declaration (16 pgs)

2. Fees

- Authorization to charge deposit account 19-0743 in the amount of \$810.00 to pay the RCE filing fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
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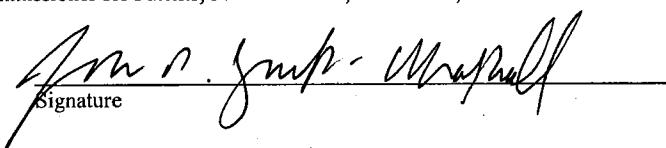
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REMARKS

This responds to the Final Office Action dated January 6, 2009.

No claims are amended, no claims are canceled, and no claims are added; as a result, claims 10-11, 13-24, 27, 33, 38-39, 41-43, 45-55, 57, 63, 260-262 remain pending in this application.

Substitute Oath/Declaration

The substitute declaration filed on May 29, 2008 was found defective. Corrected substitute declaration is being filed herewith.

§ 251 Rejection of the Claims

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A brief reference to the prosecution history may be useful here. The issue of recapture under 35 U.S.C. § 251 has already been raised before, in the Final Office Action dated May 5, 2006. Following the Applicants' arguments, the rejection of claims under 35 U.S.C. § 251 was withdrawn. Specifically, in the Office Action mailed on May 03, 2007, the Examiner stated the reason for withdrawing the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 251 being that the subject matter of the claims is new and not related to the claimed subject matter surrendered in the patent application upon which the present reissue is based.

Referring to the discussion provided in the Final Office Action mailed January 6, 2009, the Examiner states that claims 10-11, 13-24, 27, 33, 38-39, 41-43, 45-55, 57, 63, 260 and 262 are broader than the patented claims 1-9 because they do not include limitations recited in the patented claims 1-9 and concludes that the claims are barred by the recapture rule. The recapture

¹ Final Office Action mailed January 6, 2009, page 4.

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The Finality of the Office Action is Improper

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² MPEP 1412.02 (I)(C). ("If, however, the reissue claim(s) are really claiming additional inventions/embodiments/species not originally claimed (i.e., overlooked aspects of the disclosed invention), then recapture will not be present.")

³ Final Office Action mailed January 6, 2009, page 4.

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⁴ *Ex parte Mahur*, Appeal No. 95-4103, 1996 WL 1795838 at *9.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's representative at (408) 278-4052 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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(d) Individuals other than the attorney, agent or inventor may comply with this section by disclosing information to the attorney, agent, or inventor.